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A REVISED VERSION

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INTRODUCTION

“ I WILL pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also ; I will sing with the spirit, and “ I will sing with the understanding also.” These words of St. Paul supply the justification for a fresh attempt to produce a rendering of the Psalter, which shall not only correct mistranslations, but shall also be as far as possible free from obscure and even unintelligible passages. In these old Jewish songs Christians have for centuries found a vehicle for the expression of their sorrow for sin, their aspiration after holiness, and their gratitude for mercies ; and the devotional use is the chief thought which a translator should keep before himself.

And should further justification be needed, it is to be found in the consideration that, if ever a new version is to be authorised for use in the Services of the Church, it is probable that it will not be the work of any single hand, but will gather the best renderings from a comparison of many translations. And though association has made the language of Coverdale’s Version almost as precious to us as that of the Gospels, a new translation may, if it retain the

harmonious rhythm of the old, become no less dear to our grandchildren.

Since a translation intended for devotional use may well be less literal than the Revised Version and less slavish in its adherence to the Massoretic Text, the readings of the Ancient Versions have been, as the Notes will show, more freely adopted than by the Revisers. These Versions were made from MSS. many centuries older than the Massoretic Text, and in many passages their readings give a more intelligible sense.

The pronouns referring to the Divine Being have been printed with an initial capital. By this means ambiguity has frequently been avoided (e.g. **37**, **23**; **110**, **5** and **7**).

The two halves of each verse have been printed in separate lines. While by this arrangement the parallelism, which is so marked a characteristic of Hebrew poetry, is made clearer, the colon, which in the Prayer Book Version marks the division for the purpose of chanting, is set free for its proper employment in punctuation.

For convenience in chanting an abnormally long verse has occasionally been treated as two, and conversely two very short verses as one. In psalms where this has been done, the numeration of the verses differs slightly from that in the Prayer Book Version.

Spaces have been employed to mark the divisions of a psalm, and refrains have been printed in different type. A reference to Psalm **107** will show how

greatly the meaning may thus be illuminated and the beauty enhanced. Further, antiphonal singing has been aided by the printing, as in Psalms **24** and **118**.

The Doxology at the end of each of the first four Books has been printed in different type. These doxologies should not be sung, since they form no part of the Psalm to which they are attached; indeed, that at the end of the Third Book is entirely out of harmony with the last verse of Psalm **89**.

Three Psalms (**53**, **70**, and **108**) have not been translated, since they are duplicates of Psalms which appear elsewhere in the Psalter. Psalm **95** has been enclosed in brackets, as its use at Matins excludes it from the monthly course. Psalm **58**, and one or more verses of Psalms **69**, **109**, **137** and **141**, have been bracketed, as unsuitable for use in worship.

Among the many writers on the Psalter whom the Reviser has consulted with profit, there are four—the Very Rev. A. F. Kirkpatrick and Professors Briggs, Cheyne, and Driver—to whose commentaries he desires to acknowledge special obligation.

He cannot conclude better than by making his own certain words from “The Translator’s Preface” to the Authorised Version: “If we, building upon
“their foundation that went before us and being
“holpen by their labours, do endeavour to make
“that better which they left so good, no man, we
“are sure, hath cause to mislike us; they, we
“persuade ourselves, if they were alive, would
“thank us.”

FIRST BOOK

DAY 1

MORNING PRAYER

PSALM 1

The Contrast Between the Righteous and the Wicked.

1. Happy the man that walketh not in the counsel
of the wicked, nor standeth in the way of
sinners,
And sitteth not in the seat of scoffers.
2. But his delight is in the law of the Lord,
And in His law doth he meditate day and night.
3. He shall be like a tree planted by the water-side,
That bringeth forth its fruit in season :
4. Whose leaf also doth not wither ;
Whatsoever he doeth, it prospereth.
5. Not so are the wicked :
They are like chaff which the wind scattereth.
6. Therefore the wicked shall not stand in the
judgment,
Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
7. For the Lord taketh knowledge of the way of
the righteous ;
But the way of the wicked shall perish.

PSALM 2

The Anointed King and the Heathen World.

1. Wherefore are the nations in tumult,
And the peoples meditating a vain thing?
2. The kings of the earth stand forth, and the
princes take counsel together,
Against the Lord and against His anointed.
3. "Let us break," say they, "their bands asunder,
"And cast their yoke from off us."
4. He that is throned in heaven laugheth;
The Lord hath them in derision.
5. Then doth He speak to them in His wrath,
And dismay them in His hot displeasure:—
6. "Nay, but I have set My king
"Upon Sion, My holy hill."
7. I will declare the Lord's decree; thus said He
to me,
"Thou art My son; this day am I thy father.
8. "Ask, and I will give thee the nations for thy
heritage,
"Earth's uttermost parts for thy possession.
9. "Thou shalt break them with a mace of iron,
"And shatter them like a potter's vessel."
10. Now therefore be wise, ye kings;
Be admonished, ye rulers of the earth.
11. Serve the Lord with fear,
And exult with trembling.

12. Learn well your lesson, lest He be angry,
And ye perish in the way,
13. For His wrath is quickly kindled:
Happy all they that put their trust in Him.

PSALM 3

The Lord the Defence of the Godly.

1. Lord, how many are mine adversaries!
Many are rising up against me.
2. Many are saying of my soul,
“There is no salvation for him in his God.”
3. But Thou, Lord, art my Shield,
My Glory, and the Lifter up of my head.
4. I called to the Lord with my voice,
And He answered me from His holy hill.
5. I laid me down and slept;
I awaked, for the Lord sustaineth me.
6. I am not afraid of ten thousand of the people,
That are gathered against me round about.
7. Arise, Lord, and help me, O my God,
For Thou hast smitten all mine enemies on the
cheek, Thou hast broken the teeth of the
wicked.
8. Salvation cometh from the Lord:
Thy blessing be upon Thy people.

PSALM 4

The Triumph of Faith in Adversity.

1. Answer me when I call, Thou God that rightest me;
Thou that didst set me at large when I was straitened, be gracious to me and hearken to my prayer.
2. How long, ye sons of men, will ye be stubborn of heart,
That ye love falsehood and seek after a lie?
3. See how passing great is the Lord's favour unto him that is godly;
When I call upon the Lord, He heareth.
4. Stand ye in awe, and cease from sin;
Commune with your heart upon your bed, and be still.
5. Offer sacrifices of righteousness,
And put your trust in the Lord.
6. Many are saying, "Who will shew us good?"
Lord, lift Thou up the light of Thy face upon us.
7. Thou hast put gladness in my heart,
More than when wheatfloor and winefat overflow.
8. I will lay me down in peace and sleep,
For Thou, Lord, makest me dwell alone in safety.

PSALM 5

The Prayer of the Worshipper.

1. Give ear to my words, O Lord ;
Consider my meditation.
2. Hearken to the voice of my cry, my King and
my God ;
Unto Thee do I make my prayer.
3. O Lord, in the morning Thou hearest my voice ;
In the morning I direct my prayer unto Thee,
and keep watch.
4. For Thou art not a God that hath pleasure in
wickedness,
Neither can evil be Thy guest.
5. The arrogant shall not stand in Thy presence ;
Thou hatest all workers of iniquity.
6. Thou destroyest them that speak falsehood ;
Men of blood and deceit the Lord abhorreth.
7. As for me, through the abundance of Thy kind-
ness I enter Thy house,
Worshipping with reverence in Thy holy temple.
8. Lead me, O Lord, in Thy righteousness because
of my watchful foes ;
Make Thy way plain before my face.
9. For there is no truth in their mouth, and their
heart is full of mischief ;
Their throat is an open grave, while they flatter
with their tongue.

10. Declare them guilty, O God; let them fall by
their own counsels;
Thrust them out in their manifold transgressions,
for they have rebelled against Thee.
11. So shall all that trust in Thee be glad, and ever
rejoice because Thou defendest them;
Yea, let them that love Thy Name exult in Thee.
12. For Thou, Lord, givest Thy blessing to the
righteous,
And dost compass him with favour as with a
shield.

PSALM 6

An Answer to Prayer in Time of Sickness.

1. O Lord, rebuke me not in Thine anger,
Neither chasten me in Thy hot displeasure.
2. Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I faint;
Lord, heal me, for my bones are stricken.
3. My soul also is sore stricken;
Ah, Lord, how long?
4. Turn Thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul;
Save me for Thy kindness' sake.
5. For in death there is no remembrance of Thee;
And who will give Thee thanks in the grave?
6. I am weary with my groaning;
Every night make I my bed to swim, and flood
my couch with tears.
7. Mine eye is dim for grief,
And wasteth away because of all mine adversaries.

8. Depart from me, all that work iniquity,
For the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.
9. The Lord hath heard my supplication ;
The Lord accepteth my prayer.
10. All mine enemies shall be ashamed and sore
stricken ;
They shall turn their backs, and be put to shame
suddenly.

PSALM 7

A Vision of Divine Judgment.

1. O Lord my God, in Thee do I put my trust :
Save me and deliver me from him that pursueth
me ;
2. Lest he tear my soul, like a lion,
Rending it in pieces, while there is none to deliver.
3. O Lord my God, if I have done this thing,
If there be indeed iniquity in my hands ;
4. If I have repaid evil for evil—
I, that delivered him who without cause was
mine adversary—
5. Then let the enemy pursue me and overtake me ;
Yea, let him tread my life to the earth and lay
my soul in the dust.
6. Arise, O Lord, in Thine anger,
And lift up Thyself against the fury of mine
adversaries :

7. Yea, rouse Thee in my behalf
At the judgment which Thou hast commanded.
8. When the assembly of the peoples cometh about
Thee,
Sit Thou again enthroned above them.
9. The Lord judgeth the peoples; judge Thou me,
O Lord,
According to my righteousness and the innocency
that is in me.
10. Let the malice of the wicked come to an end,
But stablish Thou the righteous:
11. For the righteous God
Trieth the mind and heart.
12. My Shield is God,
The Saviour of the upright in heart.
13. God is a righteous judge;
Yea, a God that hath indignation daily.
14. If a man repent not, He whetteth His sword,
He bendeth His bow and taketh His aim;
15. He prepareth for him weapons of death,
He maketh His arrows shafts of fire.
16. Lo, he travaileth with iniquity,
He hath conceived mischief, and bringeth forth
failure.
17. He hath digged a pit and hollowed it deep,
And into the hole which he made will he fall
himself.
18. His mischief shall recoil on his own head,
And his violence descend on his own pate.

19. I will give thanks to the Lord according to His
righteousness,
And sing praise to the Name of the Lord Most
High.

DAY 2

MORNING PRAYER

PSALM 8

The Littleness and the Greatness of Man.

1. *O Lord our Lord,*
How glorious is Thy Name in all the earth !
2. Thou, that hast set Thy splendour upon the
heavens,
Hast out of the mouth of children and sucklings
perfected praise,
3. Because of Thine adversaries,
That Thou mightest silence the enemy and the
avenger.
4. When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy
fingers,
The moon and the stars which Thou hast ordained,
5. What is man, that Thou shouldst be mindful of
him,
And the son of man, that Thou shouldst visit him ?
6. Thou hast made him but little lower than God,
And crownest him with glory and honour.
7. Thou hast given him dominion over the works
of Thy hands ;
Thou hast put all things under his feet :

8. All sheep and oxen,
Yea, and the beasts of the plain ;
9. The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea,
And whatsoever fareth on the paths of the seas.
10. *O Lord our Lord,*
How glorious is Thy Name in all the earth !

PSALM 9

The Sovereign Righteousness of God.

1. I will thank Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart ;
I will tell out all Thy marvellous works.
2. I will be glad and exult in Thee ;
I will sing to Thy Name, O Thou Most High ;
3. Because mine enemies have turned their backs,
Have stumbled, and perished at Thy presence.
4. For Thou hast maintained my right and my
cause ;
Thou art seated on the throne, a righteous Judge.
5. Thou hast rebuked the nations, and destroyed
the ungodly ;
Thou hast wiped out their name for ever and
ever.
6. The enemy are come to an end ; they are desolate
for ever ;
Their cities Thou hast overthrown ; their very
memory is perished.

7. But the Lord sitteth as King for ever ;
He hath set up His throne for judgment.
8. He will judge the world in righteousness,
And will minister judgment to the peoples with equity.
9. Therefore is the Lord a Sure Retreat for the oppressed,
A Sure Retreat in times of trouble ;
10. That they which know Thy Name may trust in Thee,
Since Thou, Lord, hast never failed them that seek Thee.
11. Sing praise to the Lord who is throned on Sion ;
Tell the peoples of His doings :
12. How the Avenger of blood doth remember,
And forgetteth not the cry of the poor.
13. Have mercy upon me, O Lord ; behold mine affliction at the hands of them that hate me,
Thou that liftest me up from the gates of death :
14. That I may declare Thy praise in the portals of Sion,
And may rejoice in Thy salvation.
15. The nations are sunk in the pit that they made ;
In the net which they hid is their own foot taken.
16. The Lord hath made Himself known ; He hath executed judgment ;
In the work of his own hands is the wicked trapped.

17. The wicked shall return to dust,
And all the nations which forget God.
18. For the needy shall not alway be forgotten,
Nor the hope of the humble perish for ever.
19. Arise, O Lord; let not man prevail;
Let the nations be judged at Thy bar.
20. Put them in fear, O Lord;
Let the nations know themselves to be but men.

PSALM 10

An Appeal to God to Vindicate the Righteous.

1. Why standest Thou far off, O Lord,
Hiding Thy face in the time of trouble?
2. The wicked in his pride pursueth the poor;
Let him be caught in the devices which he hath
planned.
3. For he boasteth that he hath his heart's desire,
And in his greed rejecteth, yea, despiseth the
Lord.
4. He saith in his arrogance, "He will not require
it";
"There is no God" is ever his thought.
5. His ways do alway prosper; Thy judgments
are far away out of his sight;
He puffeth at them that would thwart him.
6. He saith in his heart, "I cannot be shaken;
"I shall be ever free from misfortune."

7. His mouth is full of curses, oppression, and fraud;
Under his tongue he rolleth iniquity and mischief.
8. He lieth ambushed in the villages;
In secret places he slayeth the innocent.
9. His eyes watch privily for the helpless;
He lurketh in covert, as a lion in his lair.
10. He lieth in wait to capture the poor;
He doth capture the poor, dragging him in his net.
11. He croucheth, he boweth down,
And the helpless fall by his talons.
12. He saith in his heart, " God hath forgotten;
" He hideth His face; He will never see it."
13. Arise, O Lord, lift up Thy hand, O God;
Forget not the poor.
14. Wherefore should the wicked despise God,
Saying in his heart, " Thou wilt not require it " ?
15. Thou hast seen; for Thou beholdest the misery
and trouble,
To requite it with Thy hand.
16. The poor committeth his cause unto Thee;
Thou art the Help of the fatherless.
17. Break Thou the arm of the godless and wicked;
Search out his wickedness till it be no more
found.
18. The Lord is King for ever and ever;
The heathen are perished out of His land.

19. Lord, Thou hast heard the desire of the humble ;
Their heart is ready, and Thine ear hearkeneth ;
20. To right the fatherless and the oppressed,
That earth-born man may no more bid defiance.

DAY 2

EVENING PRAYER

PSALM 11

The Victory of Faith over Despondency.

1. With the Lord have I taken refuge : how say ye
to my soul,
“ Flee, as a bird to the hills ?
2. “ For lo, the wicked are bending the bow ; they
have made ready their arrow upon the string,
“ That they may shoot unseen at the upright in
heart.
3. “ When the foundations are being destroyed,
“ What can the righteous do ? ”
4. The Lord is in His holy temple ;
The Lord's throne is in heaven.
5. His eyes behold, they straitly try,
And prove the children of men.
6. The Lord by trial approveth the righteous,
But the wicked, and him that loveth violence,
doth His soul abhor.
7. He will rain upon them burning coals ;
Fire and brimstone and scorching wind shall be
the portion of their cup.

8. For the Lord is righteous and loveth righteousness;
The upright behold His face.

PSALM 12

A Prayer for Help in a Time of General Corruption.

1. Help, Lord, for the godly are no more,
And the faithful fail from among the children
of men.
2. They speak falsehood every one with his neighbour;
With treacherous lips do they speak and with a
double heart.
3. May the Lord cut off all treacherous lips,
And the tongue that speaketh proudly:
4. Which say, "With our tongue will we prevail;
"Our lips are our own; who is lord over us?"
5. "Because of the spoiling of the poor,
"And the deep sighing of the needy,"
6. "Now will I arise," saith the Lord,
"And will set him in the safety for which he
panteth."
7. The words of the Lord are pure from dross,
As silver is pure, seven times refined in the
furnace.
8. Though the wicked walk on every side,
And vileness is exalted among the sons of men,
9. Thou, O Lord, wilt help us;
Thou wilt preserve us from this generation for ever.

PSALM 13

The Victory of Faith in Danger and Perplexity.

1. Ah, Lord, how long? Wilt Thou forget me for ever?
How long wilt Thou hide Thy face from me?
2. How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow daily in my heart?
How long shall mine enemy triumph over me?
3. Behold and answer, O Lord my God;
Give light to mine eyes, that I sleep not in death:
4. Lest mine enemy say, "I have prevailed against him,"
And mine adversaries rejoice because I am cast down.
5. But my trust is in Thy kindness,
And my heart rejoiceth in Thy saving help.
6. I will sing unto the Lord,
Because He hath dealt so lovingly with me.

PSALM 14

The Judgment on a Corrupt and Godless World.

1. The senseless man saith in his heart,
"There is no God."
2. Corrupt and abominable are their doings;
There is none that doeth good.
3. The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men,
To see if there be one that hath understanding,
that seeketh God.

4. But they are all gone astray ; they are together
become tainted ;
There is none that doeth good ; no, not one.
5. “ Have they no understanding, all these workers
of iniquity,
“ Who devour My people as it were bread, and
call not upon the Lord ? ”
6. Thereupon were they stricken with panic,
For God scattered them.
7. Though ye would frustrate the counsel of the
poor,
Yet the Lord is his refuge.
8. O that salvation for Israel might come forth
from Sion !
When the Lord turneth the fortunes of His
people, then shall Jacob rejoice and Israel
be glad.

DAY 3

MORNING PRAYER

PSALM 15

A Citizen of Sion.

1. Lord, who may be a guest in Thy tent ?
Who shall dwell upon Thy holy hill ?
2. He that liveth blamelessly and worketh righteousness,
And speaketh truth from his heart.

3. He that hath no scandal on his tongue, nor
doeth wrong to his fellow,
Nor uttereth slander against his neighbour.
4. He that despiseth a reprobate,
But honoureth them that fear the Lord.
5. He that abideth by his pledge,
Though it be to his own hurt.
6. He that putteth not out his money to usury,
Nor taketh a bribe to betray the innocent.
7. Whoso doeth these things
Shall abide unmoved for ever.

PSALM 16

A Song of Faith and Hope.

1. Keep me, O God,
For in Thee do I put my trust.
2. I have said unto the Lord, "Thou art my God;
"I have no happiness save in Thee."
3. As for the saints that are in the land,
The Lord abundantly sheweth His pleasure in
them.
4. They multiply their sorrows,
Who run after other gods.
5. No libations of blood will I pour out to such,
Or take their names upon my lips.
6. The Lord is my portion and my share;
He maintaineth my lot.

7. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places ;
Yea, I have a goodly heritage.
8. I thank the Lord who giveth me counsel ;
Yea, my heart instructeth me in the night-season.
9. I have set the Lord alway before me ;
With Him at my right hand I shall not be moved.
10. Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoiceth ;
My flesh also dwelleth in safety.
11. For Thou wilt not abandon me to death,
Nor suffer Thy loved one to see the pit.
12. Thou wilt make known to me the path of life ;
in Thy presence is fulness of joy ;
And in Thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.

PSALM 17

An Appeal to a Righteous God for Protection.

1. Hear a righteous man, O Lord ; attend unto my
cry ;
Give ear to my prayer, which issueth not from
deceitful lips.
2. Let my sentence come forth from Thy presence ;
Thine eyes are eyes of justice.
3. Thou hast visited me in the night and assayed
my heart ; Thou hast tested me and found no
evil purpose in me :
My mouth doth not transgress.
4. As for my doings among men,
By hearkening to Thy word I have kept me from
the ways of the violent.

5. My steps have held fast to Thy tracks;
My feet have not swerved.
6. I call upon Thee, my God, for Thou wilt answer
me;
Incline Thine ear to me, and hear my words.
7. Make passing great Thy kindness,
Thou who by Thy right hand savest from their
assailants them that trust in Thee.
8. Keep me as the apple of the eye;
Hide me under the shadow of Thy wings,
9. From the wicked that spoil me,
The deadly enemies that surround me.
10. They have closed their heart to pity;
They speak insolence with their mouth.
11. Tracking our steps they are about us;
They set their eyes to cast us to the ground;
12. Like as a lion greedy for prey,
As a lion's whelp lurking in the covert.
13. Arise, O Lord; confront him,
And make him to bow down.
14. Deliver my life from the wicked by Thy
sword;
May they perish by Thy hand, O Lord, from the
world of the living:
15. May their portion in this life
Be fulness of wrath from Thy storehouse:
16. May their sons too be sated with woe,
And leave the residue thereof to their children.

17. But let me in my righteousness behold Thy face,
And be satisfied at mine awaking with the vision
of Thee.

DAY 3

EVENING PRAYER

PSALM 18

A Thanksgiving for the Divine Help.

1. Fervently do I love Thee, O Lord my Strength,
My High Crag, my Fortress, my Deliverer,
2. My God, my Rock with whom I take refuge,
My Shield, my Horn of Salvation, and my Sure
Retreat.
3. I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised ;
So am I saved from mine enemies.

4. The billows of death were round me ;
Floods of destruction appalled me ;
5. The cords of the grave were coiled about me ;
The snares of death confronted me.
6. In my need I called upon the Lord,
And cried unto my God.
7. From His temple in heaven He heard my voice ;
My cry came into His ears.

8. Then did the earth rock and quake ;
The pillars of heaven shook and tottered, because
He was wroth.

9. There went up smoke from His nostrils, and
devouring flame from His mouth :
Coals were kindled by it.
10. He bowed the heavens and came down,
And gloom was under His feet.
11. He rode on the cherub and flew ;
He came swooping on wings of the wind.
12. He made darkness His covert, His pavilion
about Him,
Dark gloom of waters, thick clouds of the sky.
13. From the brightness of His presence there came
through the thick clouds
Hailstones and coals of fire.
14. The Lord thundered in the heavens, and the
Most High uttered His voice,
Hailstones and coals of fire.
15. He shot forth His arrows and scattered them,
Lightnings innumerable and affrighted them.
16. Then the bed of the sea appeared, and the
foundations of the world were laid bare,
At Thy rebuke, O Lord, at the blast of the breath
of Thy nostrils.
17. He reached from high heaven and grasped me,
And out of deep waters He drew me.
18. He delivered me from my cruel enemy,
From my haters, who were too strong for me.
19. They fell upon me in the day of my calamity ;
But the Lord was my stay.
20. He brought me forth into a broad place ;
He delivered me, because He took pleasure in me.

21. The Lord dealt with me according to my righteousness;
According to the cleanness of my hands did He recompense me:
22. Because I have kept the ways of the Lord,
And departed not wickedly from my God;
23. For all His ordinances have been before me,
And I put not away His statutes from me.
24. Yea, I was blameless toward Him,
And kept myself from guilt.
25. Therefore hath the Lord requited me according
to my righteousness,
According to the cleanness of my hands in His sight.
26. With the merciful Thou shewest Thyself merciful;
With the faithful man Thou shewest Thyself faithful;
27. With the pure Thou shewest Thyself pure;
With the perverse Thou shewest Thyself froward.
28. For Thou savest the humble folk,
But haughty eyes Thou dost abase.
29. Thou art my lamp, O Lord;
The Lord my God maketh my darkness to be light.
30. For by Thine aid I pursue a troop,
And by the help of my God I leap walls.
31. The way of God is perfect; the promise of the
Lord hath been proved;
He is a shield to all that trust in Him.

32. For who is God, save the Lord ?
And who is a rock, beside our God ?—
33. The God who girded me with strength,
And cleared my path before me :
34. Who made my feet as the feet of a hind,
And set me upon my high places :
35. Who taught my hands to war,
And mine arms to bend a bow of bronze.
36. Thou didst give me the shield of Thy help ;
Thy right hand held me up, and Thy gentleness
made me great.
37. Thou madest me a broad place to walk in,
And my feet did not slip.
38. I pursued mine enemies and overtook them,
Nor turned me back till I had destroyed them.
39. I smote them, that they could not rise,
But fell beneath my feet.
40. For Thou didst gird me with strength for the
battle ;
Thou didst bow down mine assailants under me .
41. Yea, Thou madest mine enemies to flee before me,
That I might cut off them that hate me.
42. They cried, but there was none to save,
Even unto the Lord, but He answered them not.
43. I ground them small as dust before the wind ;
As mire of the street I cast them out.
44. Thou hast delivered me from the feuds of my
people ;
Thou hast made me the head of the nations.

45. A people whom I knew not serve me ; as soon
as they heard of me they did me homage ;
The sons of the alien cringed before me.
46. The sons of the alien faded away,
And came trembling out of their strongholds.
47. The Lord liveth ! Blessed be my Rock ;
Yea, exalted be the God of my salvation !
48. Even the God who granteth me vengeance,
And subdueth the peoples under me :
49. Who rescueth me from mine enemies, and setteth
me high above mine assailants :
Yea, from the man of violence Thou deliverest
me.
50. Therefore will I give thanks to Thee, O Lord,
among the nations,
And sing praises unto Thy Name.
51. Great deliverance hath He given to His king,
And sheweth kindness to His anointed, to David
and to his seed for ever.

DAY 4

MORNING PRAYER

PSALM 19

The Revelation of God in Nature and in the Law.

1. The heavens declare the glory of God ;
Their vast expanse His handiwork :
2. Day uttereth it to day,
And night to night revealeth knowledge.

3. Though there be neither speech nor language,
Nor voice that may be heard,
4. Their sound is gone through all the earth,
And their words to the end of the world.
5. There hath He set a pavilion for the sun, whence
he cometh forth as a bridegroom from his
tent,
And rejoiceth as a strong man to run his course :
6. His going forth is from the end of the heaven,
and his circuit unto the bounds thereof :
There is nothing hid from His sun.
7. The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the
soul ;
The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise
the simple.
8. The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the
heart ;
The commandment of the Lord is pure, en-
lightening the eyes.
9. The word of the Lord is clean, standing fast
for ever ;
The ordinances of the Lord are true, and righteous
altogether.
10. More to be desired are they than gold ; yea,
than much fine gold ;
Sweeter are they than honey and the droppings
of the comb.
11. Moreover by them is Thy servant warned ;
In keeping of them is rich reward.

12. As for errors, who can discern them ?
From unknown faults absolve Thou me.
13. Withhold Thy servant also from deliberate sins ;
let them not have dominion over me :
Then shall I be blameless, and absolved from
great transgression.
14. May the words of my mouth and the thoughts
of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight,
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

PSALM 20

A Prayer to the Giver of Victory.

1. The Lord answer thee in the day of trouble ;
The God of Jacob set thee on high :
2. Send thee help from the sanctuary,
And strengthen thee out of Sion :
3. Remember all thine offerings,
And accept thy sacrifice :
4. Grant thee thy heart's desire,
And fulfil all thy counsel.
5. That we may rejoice in thy victory, and triumph
in the Name of our God,
The Lord grant all thy petitions.
6. Now know I that the Lord helpeth His anointed,
And answereth him from His holy heaven with
the saving strength of His right hand.

7. Some put their trust in chariots and horses,
But we in the Name of the Lord our God.
8. They are bowed down and fall,
But we arise and stand upright.
9. The Lord giveth victory to His king;
He answereth us when we call upon Him.

PSALM 21

A Thanksgiving to the Giver of Victory.

1. The King is glad in Thy strength, O Lord;
He rejoiceth greatly for Thy saving help.
2. For Thou hast given him his heart's desire,
And hast not withholden the request of his lips.
3. Thou meetest him with richest blessings;
Thou settest a crown of pure gold upon his head.
4. He asked life of Thee, and Thou gavest him life,
Even length of days for ever.
5. His glory is great through Thy saving help;
Honour and majesty dost Thou lay upon him.
6. For Thou makest him most blessed for ever,
Gladdening him with the joy of Thy presence;
7. Because the king putteth his trust in the Lord,
And through the kindness of the Most High he
shall not be moved.
8. Thy hand shall find out all thine enemies;
Thy right hand shall find out them that hate
thee.

9. Thou shalt make them as fuel in a furnace in the day that thou appearest;
The Lord shall swallow them up in His wrath,
and fire shall devour them.
10. Their seed shalt thou make to perish from the earth,
And their sons from among the children of men.
11. Though they intended evil against thee and devised mischief,
Yet shall they not prevail.
12. For thou shalt put them to flight,
Aiming thine arrows at their faces.
13. Be Thou exalted, Lord, in Thy might:
So will we sing and praise Thy power.

DAY 4

EVENING PRAYER

PSALM 22

The Cry of a Soul in Deep Waters.

1. My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me,
And art so far from my help and from the words
of my complaint?
2. O my God, I cry in the daytime, but Thou
answerest not;
And at night, but find no respite.
3. Yet Thou art the Holy One,
Throned upon the praises of Israel.

4. In Thee did our fathers trust;
They trusted, and Thou didst deliver them.
5. Unto Thee they cried, and had escape;
They trusted in Thee, and were not disappointed.
6. But I am a worm, and no man;
A by-word of men, despised by the people.
7. All who see me laugh me to scorn;
They thrust out the lip and shake the head:—
8. “Cast thyself upon the Lord; let Him deliver thee;
“Let Him deliver thee, seeing He delighteth in thee.”
9. Nay, but Thou art He that drew me from the
womb;
Thou wast my trust, when I was at my mother’s
breast.
10. Upon Thee have I been cast from my birth;
From my mother’s womb Thou art my God.
11. Be not far from me, for trouble is nigh,
And there is none to help.
12. Many bulls compass me about,
Strong bulls of Bashan beset me.
13. They open their mouths against me,
As they were ravening and roaring lions.
14. I am poured out like water, and all my bones
are out of joint;
My heart within me melteth like wax.
15. My throat is dry as a sherd; my tongue cleaveth
to my jaws;
Thou art laying me in the dust of death.

16. For dogs compass me about; a rabble of evil
doers hems me in :
They dig into my hands and my feet.
17. I can count all my bones ;
They stand and stare upon me.
18. They part my garments among them,
And for my vesture they cast lots.
19. But Thou, O Lord, be not far off ;
O my Succour, haste Thee to my help.
20. Deliver my life from the sword,
My dear life from the power of the dogs.
21. Save me from the lion's mouth,
Mine afflicted soul from the horns of the oxen.
22. I will proclaim Thy Name unto my brethren ;
In the midst of the assembly will I praise Thee :—
23. “ Praise the Lord, ye that fear Him ; ye children
of Jacob, laud Him ;
“ Stand in awe of Him, all ye children of Israel.
24. “ For He hath not disdained to answer the
afflicted, nor hid His face from him ;
“ But when he cried unto Him, He heard.”
25. To Thee I owe praise in the great assembly ;
My vows will I pay in the presence of them that
fear Thee.
26. The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied ; they
that seek the Lord shall praise Him :
May your heart live for ever !

27. The furthest peoples of the earth shall bethink
 them and return to the Lord ;
 Yea, all the families of the nations shall worship
 before Him.
28. For the kingdom is the Lord's,
 And He is Ruler over the nations.
29. All the lusty upon earth shall feast and worship
 Him ;
 Before Him shall all that go down to the dust
 bend the knee :
30. And as for them that cannot keep themselves alive,
 Their seed shall serve Him.
31. It shall be told to the next generation, and they
 shall declare it to a people yet to be born,
 That the Lord of righteousness hath done this
 thing.

PSALM 23

The Good Shepherd.

1. The Lord is my Shepherd ;
 I shall not want.
2. He maketh me to lie in green pastures ;
 He leadeth me gently by waters of rest.
3. He refresheth my soul ;
 He guideth me in right paths for His Name's sake.
4. Yea, though I walk through a valley of gloom,
 I will fear no hurt.
 For Thou art with me ; Thy club and Thy staff
 comfort me.

5. Thou spreadest a table for me in the presence of
mine adversaries;
Thou anointest my head with oil, and my cup
runneth over.
6. Surely goodness and kindness follow me all the
days of my life,
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for
ever.

DAY 5

MORNING PRAYER

PSALM 24

The Dedication of the Ark on Sion.

1. The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof;
The world, and they that dwell therein.
2. For He founded it upon the seas,
And made it fast upon the floods.
3. Who may ascend to the hill of the Lord?
Who may stand in His holy place?
4. He that hath clean hands and a pure heart;
That lifteth not up his soul to falsehood, nor
swareth to deceive his neighbour;
5. He shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
And righteousness from God his Salvation.
6. These are they that seek after Him,
That seek the face of Jacob's God.
7. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift
up, ye ancient doors,
That the King of glory may come in.

8. Who is the king of glory ?
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty
in battle.
9. Lift up your heads, O ye gates ; yea, lift them
up, ye ancient doors ;
That the King of glory may come in.
10. Who is this King of glory ?
The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

PSALM 25

A Prayer of Humble Faith.

1. Unto Thee, O God, I lift up my soul ; my God,
I have put my trust in Thee ;
Let me not be shamed, neither let mine enemies
triumph over me.
2. Yea, let not them that wait on Thee be
shamed ;
Let them be shamed that break troth without
cause.
3. Show me Thy ways, O Lord,
And teach me Thy paths.
4. Guide me in Thy truth and teach me, for Thou
art God my Salvation :
All the day do I wait upon Thee.
5. Remember, O Lord, Thy compassions and kind-
nesses ;
For they have been from everlasting.

6. Remember not the errors of my youth and my transgressions,
But in kindness remember me for Thy goodness' sake, O Lord.
7. Gracious and righteous is the Lord;
Therefore He instructeth sinners in the way.
8. The steps of the humble He guideth;
Yea, to the humble He teacheth His way.
9. All the paths of the Lord are kindness and truth
To such as keep His covenant and His commandments.
10. For Thy Name's sake, O Lord,
Forgive mine iniquity, for it is great.
11. What man soever feareth the Lord,
Him will He instruct in the way that he should choose.
12. He shall abide in prosperity,
And his seed shall possess the land.
13. The friendship of the Lord is for them that fear Him,
And He will shew them His covenant.
14. Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord,
That He may free my soul from the net.
15. Turn Thee unto me, and be gracious to me,
For I am desolate and afflicted.
16. Relieve Thou the troubles of my heart,
And bring me out of my distress.
17. Behold mine affliction and travail,
And pardon all my sins.

18. Behold mine enemies, that they are many,
And they hate me with cruel hatred.
19. O keep my soul, and deliver me;
Let me not be shamed, for in Thee is my trust.
20. Let integrity and uprightness guard me,
Because I wait upon Thee.
21. Ransom Israel, O God,
Out of all his troubles.

PSALM 26

The Prayer of the Worshipper.

1. Be Thou my judge, O Lord, for I have walked
in mine integrity,
And have trusted in Thee without wavering.
2. Examine me, O Lord, and prove me;
Test Thou my heart and my will.
3. For Thy kindness is ever before mine eyes,
And I walk in Thy truth.
4. I have not sat with worthless men,
Nor held converse with dissemblers.
5. I hate the company of evil doers,
And sit not with the wicked.
6. I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord,
And so will I go to Thine altar:
7. That I may sing aloud with the voice of thanks-
giving,
And tell out all Thy wondrous works.

8. Lord, I love the house where Thou dwellest,
And the habitation of Thy glory.
9. Snatch not away my soul with sinners,
Nor my life with men of blood ;
10. In whose hands are evil devices,
Whose right hand is full of bribes.
11. Because I walk in mine integrity,
Ransom me, and be gracious unto me.
12. My foot standeth on even ground :
In full assembly will I praise the Lord.

DAY 5

EVENING PRAYER

PSALM 27

A Song and a Prayer.

1. The Lord is my Light and my Salvation ; whom
shall I fear ?
The Lord is the Stronghold of my life ; of whom
shall I be afraid ?
2. When evil doers, even mine adversaries and
mine enemies, came against me to devour me,
They stumbled and fell.
3. Though a host should encamp against me, my
heart shall not fear ;
Though war should rise against me, still will I
trust.
4. One thing I ask of the Lord,
That is my longing ;—

5. That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all
the days of my life,
To behold the gracious kindness of the Lord, and
to inquire in His temple.
6. He shall conceal me in His pavilion in the day
of trouble, and hide me in the covert of His
tent;
He shall set me upon a rock.
7. And now will He lift up my head
Above mine enemies round about me.
8. Therefore will I offer in His dwelling sacrifices of
joy;
I will sing, yea, I will sing unto the Lord.
9. Hear me, O Lord, when I cry with my voice;
Be gracious to me, and answer me.
10. My heart hath mused upon Thy word, "Seek ye
My face";
Thy face, Lord, do I seek.
11. O hide not Thou Thy face from me,
Nor turn Thy servant away in anger.
12. Thou hast been my Succour; cast me not
off,
Neither forsake me, O God my Salvation.
13. When my father and my mother have forsaken
me,
The Lord taketh me up.
14. Teach me Thy way, O Lord,
And lead me on an even path because of my
watchful foes.

15. Deliver me not over to the greed of mine adversaries,
For false witnesses rise up against me and such
as breathe out cruelty.
16. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the
Lord
In the land of the living.
17. So wait thou on the Lord; be strong, and let
thy heart take courage;
Yea, wait thou on the Lord.

PSALM 28

A Prayer and its Answer.

1. Unto Thee I call, O Lord my Rock; be not
Thou deaf to me;
Lest, if Thou be silent to me, I become like them
that have gone to the grave.
2. Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry
unto Thee,
When I lift up my hands to Thy holy shrine.
3. Drag me not away to destruction with the
wicked, with the workers of iniquity,
Who speak peace with their neighbours, while
mischief is in their heart.
4. Give them according to their deeds and according
to the wickedness of their endeavours;
According to the operation of their hands render
unto them their deserts.

5. Because they regard not the works of the Lord,
nor the operation of His hands,
He shall break them down, and not build them
again.
6. Blessed be the Lord,
For He hath heard the voice of my supplications.
7. The Lord is my Strength and my Shield;
My heart hath trusted in Him, and I am helped.
8. Therefore my heart exulteth,
And with my song will I praise Him.
9. The Lord is a Strength unto His people,
A Stronghold of help to His anointed.
10. O save Thy people, and bless Thy heritage;
Shepherd them, and bear them in Thine arms
for ever.

PSALM 29

God in the Storm.

1. Ascribe unto the Lord, ye angels,
Ascribe unto the Lord glory and strength:
2. Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto His
Name;
Worship the Lord in holy vestments.
3. The voice of the Lord is upon the storm-clouds;
the God of Glory thundereth;
The Lord is upon the great waters.

4. The voice of the Lord is with power;
The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
5. The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars,
Yea, the Lord shattereth the cedars of Lebanon.
6. He maketh Lebanon to skip like a calf,
And Sirion like a young ox.
7. The voice of the Lord cleaveth the vault with
flames;
The voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness;
yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of
Kadesh.
8. The voice of the Lord shaketh the oaks, and
strippeth the forests bare:
In His temple all are crying "Glory."
9. The Lord sat as King at the Flood,
And the Lord sitteth as King for ever.
10. The Lord giveth strength unto His people;
The Lord blesseth His people with peace.

DAY 6

MORNING PRAYER

PSALM 30

A Thanksgiving for Recovery from Sickness.

1. I will extol Thee, O Lord, for Thou hast raised
me up,
And not suffered mine enemies to triumph over
me.
2. O Lord my God, I cried unto Thee,
And Thou hast healed me.

3. Thou, Lord, hast brought up my soul from the grave;
Thou hast recalled me to life, that I should not go down to the pit.
4. Sing praise to the Lord, O ye His beloved;
Give thanks unto His holy Name.
5. For His anger lasteth for a moment, but His favour for life;
Heaviness may lodge for the night, but with the morning cometh a song.
6. In my security I had said, "I shall never be moved":
Thou, Lord, of Thy favour hadst set me on so strong a hill.
7. Thou didst hide Thy face,
And I was troubled.
8. Then cried I unto Thee, O Lord,
And unto the Lord I made supplication:—
9. "What profit is there in my blood,
"In my going down to the grave?"
10. "Will the dust praise Thee?
"Will it proclaim Thy truth?"
11. "Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;
"Lord, be Thou my helper."
12. And Thou didst change my mourning into dancing;
Thou didst put off my sackcloth and gird me with gladness:

13. That my soul might sing to Thee, and not be silent.

O my God, I will give thanks unto Thee for ever.

PSALM 31

Faith in Sore Trial.

1. In Thee, O Lord, I seek refuge; let me not be shamed;
Deliver me in Thy righteousness.
2. Bow down Thine ear to me; make haste to deliver me:
Be Thou my Strong Rock, a House of Defence to save me.
3. For Thou art my High Crag and my Fortress;
Therefore for Thy mercy's sake lead me and guide me.
4. Draw me from the net that they have laid privily for me;
For Thou art my Stronghold.
5. Into Thy hands I commit my spirit;
Thou hast ransomed me, O Lord Thou God of truth.
6. Thou hatest them that give heed to vain idols;
But my trust is in the Lord.
7. I will be glad and rejoice in Thy kindness,
For Thou hast seen mine affliction, and taken note of the travail of my soul.

8. Thou didst not enthrall me under the hand of
the enemy,
But hast set my feet at liberty.
9. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble ;
Mine eye wasteth with grief, yea, my soul and
my body.
10. For my life is spent with sorrow,
And my years with sighing.
11. My strength faileth in mine affliction,
And my bones are wasted by reason of mine
adversaries.
12. I am become a by-word to my neighbours ; they
shake the head at me ;
Mine acquaintances are afraid of me ; in the
street they flee from me.
13. I have passed, like a dead man, from remem-
brance ;
I am flung aside, like a broken vessel.
14. For I hear the reviling of many, and terror is
on every side,
While they conspire against me and plot to take
my life.
15. But my trust is in Thee, O Lord ;
I have said, " Thou art my God."
16. My times are in Thy hand ;
Deliver me from the power of mine enemies and
pursuers.
17. Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant,
And save me in Thy kindness.

18. Let me not be shamed, O Lord, for I have called
upon Thee :
Let the wicked be shamed, and be put to silence
in the grave.
19. Let the lying lips be put to silence,
Which speak against the righteous with insolent
contempt.
20. O how great is Thy goodness, which Thou trea-
surest for them that fear Thee,
Which Thou shewest for them that trust in Thee
before the sons of men !
21. Thou hidest them in the covert of Thy presence
from the plottings of men ;
Thou screenest them in Thy pavilion from
accusing tongues.
22. Blessed be the Lord,
For He hath shewed me His marvellous kindness
in time of strait.
23. I had said in mine alarm, “ I am cut off from
before Thine eyes ” ;
But Thou heardest the voice of my prayer when
I cried unto Thee.
24. O love the Lord, all ye His servants :
The Lord preserveth them that are faithful,
and abundantly requiteth the proud doer.
25. Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
All ye that wait upon the Lord.

PSALM 32

The Blessedness of the Forgiven Soul.

1. Happy he whose transgression is forgiven,
Whose sin is covered!
2. Happy the man to whom the Lord reckoneth
not iniquity,
And in whose spirit is no deceit.
3. When I kept silence, my bones wasted away
By reason of my groaning all the day long.
4. For day and night Thy hand was heavy upon me;
I was changed, as though thorns had scourged me.
5. Then I acknowledged my sin unto Thee,
And mine iniquity I did not hide.
6. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the
Lord,"
And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.
7. Therefore let every man pray to Thee in time of
distress:
When the great waters overflow, they shall not
reach him.
8. Thou art a covert for me; Thou preservest me
from trouble;
Thou dost compass me about with songs of deliver-
ance.
9. The Lord will instruct thee, and teach thee the
way that thou shouldst walk in,
And will counsel thee with His eye.

10. Be not as horse or mule, which have no understanding,
Which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or
they will not obey.
11. Many are the sorrows of the wicked;
But he that trusteth in the Lord is compassed
about with kindness.
12. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous;
Shout for joy, all ye upright in heart.

PSALM 33

A Song of Praise.

1. Sing out, ye righteous, your joy in the Lord;
Praise well beseemeth the upright.
2. Give thanks to the Lord with the harp;
Make music to Him with the ten-stringed lute.
3. Sing unto Him a new song;
Play skilfully with jubilant shout.
4. For the word of the Lord is true,
And all His work is faithful.
5. He loveth righteousness and justice;
The earth is full of the kindness of the Lord.
6. By the word of the Lord were the heavens made,
And all their hosts by the breath of His mouth.
7. He gathereth the waters of the sea in a flagon,
And storeth the deeps in treasure-houses.

8. Let all the earth fear the Lord ;
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe
of Him :
9. For He spake, and it came to pass ;
He commanded, and it stood forth.
10. The Lord bringeth the counsel of the nations to
nought ;
He maketh void the plans of the peoples.
11. But the counsel of the Lord standeth for ever,
The plans of His heart to all generations.
12. Happy the nation whose God is the Lord,
The people whom He hath chosen to be His
heritage.
13. The Lord looketh down from heaven, and behold-
eth all the children of men ;
From the place of His habitation He scanneth
all that dwell on the earth ;—
14. He who fashioneth the hearts of them all,
And discerneth all their doings.
15. A king winneth not victory by greatness of
power,
Nor is a mighty man delivered by much strength :
16. A horse is but a vain thing for victory,
Neither doth it give escape by greatness of power.
17. Lo, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear
Him,
Upon them that hope in His kindness ;
18. To deliver their soul from death,
And to keep them alive in famine.

19. Therefore our soul doth wait for the Lord;
He is our Help and our Shield:
20. For in Him our heart rejoiceth,
Because we trust in His holy Name.
21. Let Thy kindness, O Lord, be upon us,
According as we put our trust in Thee.

PSALM 34

A Song of Praise.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times;
His praise shall be ever in my mouth.
2. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord:
Let the afflicted hear, and be glad.
3. O magnify the Lord with me,
And let us exalt His Name together.
4. I sought the Lord, and He answered me,
And delivered me from all my fears.
5. O look unto Him, and be cheered;
Let not your faces be abashed.
6. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard,
And saved Him out of all his troubles.
7. The angel of the Lord campeth round them that
fear Him,
And giveth them deliverance.
8. O taste, and see that the Lord is good:
Happy the man that trusteth in Him.

9. O fear the Lord, all ye His saints,
For they shall not want who fear Him.
10. The lions may lack and suffer hunger,
But they who seek the Lord shall want no manner
of thing that is good.
11. Come, my sons, and hearken unto me :
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
12. What man is he that desireth life,
Loving length of days, that he may see good ?
13. Guard thy tongue from evil,
And thy lips from speaking guile.
14. Depart from evil, and do good ;
Seek after peace, and pursue it.
15. The face of the Lord is against them that do evil,
To cut off their memory from the land.
16. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,
And His ears are open to their cry.
17. They cry, and the Lord heareth,
And delivereth them out of all their troubles.
18. The Lord is nigh to the broken in heart,
And saveth them that are crushed in spirit.
19. Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
But the Lord delivereth him out of them all.
20. He keepeth all his bones ;
Not one of them is broken.
21. Misfortune shall slay the wicked,
And they that hate the righteous shall be con-
demned.

22. The Lord ransometh the life of His servants,
And none shall be condemned that trusteth in
Him.

DAY 7

MORNING PRAYER

PSALM 35

An Appeal to God against Cruel Enemies.

1. Contend Thou, O Lord, with them that contend
with me;
Fight Thou against them that fight against me.
2. Take hold of shield and buckler,
And stand up as my Help.
3. Make ready spear and javelin against them that
pursue me;
Say unto my soul, "I am thy Salvation."
4. Let them be brought to shame and dishonour
that seek my life;
Let them be abashed and put to flight that plot
my hurt.
5. Let them be as chaff before the wind,
And the angel of the Lord pursuing them.
6. Let their way be dark and slippery,
And the angel of the Lord thrusting them.
7. For without cause have they hid a net for me;
Without cause have they digged a pit for my life.
8. Let destruction come upon him at unawares;
Let his net which he hid catch himself, and into
the pit which he digged let him fall.

9. So shall my soul be joyful in the Lord ;
I shall be glad in His saving help.
10. My very bones shall say, " Lord, who is like unto
Thee, who deliverest the poor from him that
is too strong for him ;
" Yea, the poor and needy from him that spoileth
him ? "
11. Malicious witnesses rise up ;
They charge me with offences that I know
not.
12. They repay me evil for good,
To the bereaving of my soul.
13. Yet, when they were sick, my vesture was
sackcloth ; I afflicted my soul with fasting ;
And my prayer was from my heart.
14. I behaved myself, as it had been my friend or
my brother ;
I bowed me down in mourning, as one that
bewaileth his mother.
15. But now, when I stumble, they rejoice ; they
gather together, smiting me at unawares ;
They rend me, and cease not.
16. With ribald cries they mouth at me,
Gnashing their teeth upon me.
17. Lord, how long wilt Thou look on ?
Rescue my life from their destroying hands,
my dear life from the lions.
18. So will I give Thee thanks in the great assembly ;
I will praise Thee among much people.

19. Let not them triumph over me, who are wrong-
fully mine enemies,
Neither let them wink with the eye, who hate me
without cause.
20. For it is not peace that they speak,
But they devise plots against them that are
quiet.
21. They open wide their mouths at me;
They mock and jeer, " We have seen our desire."
22. Thou hast seen, O Lord; keep not Thou silence;
O Lord, be not far from me.
23. Rouse Thee to defend my right;
Awake to plead my cause, my God and my Lord.
24. Judge me, O Lord my God, according to Thy
righteousness,
That they may not triumph over me.
25. Let them not jeer in their heart, " We have seen
our desire";
Let them not say, " We have swallowed him up."
26. Let them be ashamed and abashed that rejoice
at my hurt;
Let them be clothed with shame and dishonour
that vaunt themselves against me.
27. But let those shout for joy that favour my
righteous cause;
Yea, let them say continually, " Great is the
Lord, who willeth the peace of His servant."
28. So shall my tongue proclaim Thy righteous-
ness,
And all the day long Thy praise.

PSALM 36

The Wickedness of the Ungodly and the Goodness of God.

1. The transgressor heareth within him a voice
which saith,
“ There is no need to fear God.”
2. For he flattereth himself with the vain conceit
That his hateful iniquity shall not be found out.
3. The words of his mouth are iniquity and guile;
He hath forsaken wisdom, and ceased to do right.
4. He deviseth iniquity upon his bed; he taketh
his stand in ways that are not good;
He doth not abhor evil.

5. Thy kindness, O Lord, reacheth unto the heavens,
And Thy faithfulness unto the skies.
6. Thy righteousness is like the strong mountains;
Thy justice is a great deep.
7. Thou, Lord, preserveth man and beast; how
precious is Thy kindness, O God;
And the children of men take refuge in the shadow
of Thy wings.
8. They are richly filled with the abundance of
Thy house,
And Thou givest them drink from the river of
Thy delights.
9. For with Thee is the fountain of life;
And when Thou shinest light will appear.

10. O continue Thy kindness to them that know Thee,
And Thy righteousness to the upright in heart.
11. Let not the foot of pride overtake me,
Nor the hand of the wicked drive me forth.
12. Lo, they are fallen, the workers of iniquity;
They are cast to the ground, and cannot rise.

DAY 7

EVENING PRAYER

PSALM 37

The Problem of the Prosperity of the Wicked.

1. Fret not thyself because of evil-doers,
Neither be thou envious of unrighteous men:
2. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass,
And wither as the tender herb.
3. Trust in the Lord, and do that which is good;
Dwell in the land, and follow after faithfulness.
4. So shalt thou delight in the Lord,
And He will give thee thy heart's desire.
5. Commit thy way unto the Lord, and trust in
Him,
And He will bring it to pass.
6. He will make thine innocency clear as the light,
And thy just cause as the noonday.
7. Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently upon Him;
Fret not thyself at him whose wicked devices
prosper.
8. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath;
Fret not thyself at the doing of evil:

9. For evil-doers shall be cut off;
But they that wait upon the Lord shall inherit
the land.
10. Yet a little while, and the wicked man is not;
Thou shalt look where he stood, and he shall
not be.
11. But the lowly in spirit shall inherit the land,
And have their delight in abundance of peace.
12. The wicked plotteth against the just,
And gnasheth upon him with his teeth.
13. The Lord laugheth at him,
For He seeth that his day cometh.
14. The wicked draw the sword and bend the bow,
To cast down the poor and needy, and to slay
the upright:
15. But their sword shall pierce their own heart,
And their bow shall be broken.
16. Stronger is the little of the righteous man
Than the tumult of many wicked.
17. For the arms of the wicked shall be broken,
But the Lord upholdeth the righteous.
18. The Lord knoweth the days of the upright,
And their inheritance shall be for ever.
19. They shall not be shamed in evil days,
And in time of famine they shall have enough.
20. But the wicked shall perish; the enemies of the
Lord shall be as the flowers of the field;
They shall vanish; as smoke shall they vanish
away.

21. The wicked man borroweth, and cannot repay,
But the righteous sheweth kindness, and giveth.
22. Such as are blessed of the Lord shall possess the
land,
But they whom He curseth shall be cut off.
23. The steps of a good man are ordered by the
Lord,
And He hath pleasure in his way.
24. Though he fall, he shall not be prostrate,
For the Lord will uphold him by the hand.
25. I have been young, and now am old;
Yet never have I seen a righteous man forsaken,
nor his children begging their bread.
26. All the day long he sheweth kindness, and lendeth,
And his seed is blessed.
27. Depart from evil, and do good,
And dwell in the land for ever.
28. For the Lord loveth justice,
And forsaketh not His beloved.
29. The unrighteous shall be destroyed for ever,
And the seed of the wicked shall be cut off;
30. But the righteous shall possess the land,
And dwell therein for ever.
31. The mouth of the righteous uttereth wisdom,
And his tongue speaketh just things.
32. The law of his God is in his heart,
And his footsteps falter not.
33. The wicked spieth on the righteous,
And seeketh occasion to slay him;

34. But the Lord will not leave him in his hand,
Nor suffer him to be condemned in the judgment.
35. Wait on the Lord and keep His way, and He
shall exalt thee to possess the land;
When the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.
36. I have seen the wicked man in great power,
And flourishing like a forest-tree;
37. I passed by, and lo, he was gone;
When I sought him, he was not to be found.
38. Mark the blameless man, and behold the upright,
How there is a future to the man of peace.
39. But transgressors shall perish together;
The future of the wicked is destruction.
40. The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;
He is their Stronghold in time of need.
41. The Lord helpeth and delivereth them; He
delivereth them from the wicked, and saveth
them,
Because they put their trust in Him.

DAY 8

MORNING PRAYER

PSALM 38

A Prayer in Time of Affliction.

1. O Lord, correct me not in Thine anger,
Neither chasten me in Thy hot displeasure.
2. For Thine arrows are fast in me,
And Thy hand presseth me sore.

3. There is no soundness in my flesh because of
Thine anger,
Nor health in my bones by reason of my sin.
4. For mine iniquities have gone over my head;
They are a sore burden, too heavy for me to
bear.
5. My wounds are foul and festering
By reason of my folly.
6. I am bent and bowed down greatly;
I go mourning all the day.
7. My loins burn with fever,
And there is no soundness in my flesh.
8. I am faint and sore bruised;
I moan in the disquiet of my heart.
9. Lord, Thou knowest all my desire,
And my groaning is not hid from Thee.
10. My heart throbberh, my strength faileth me;
And the light of mine eyes is gone from me.
11. My friends and my neighbours stand aloof from
my plague,
And my kinsmen gaze from afar.
12. They also that seek my life lay snares;
They that desire my hurt speak malignant words,
and meditate guile all the day long.
13. But I am as a deaf man and hear not,
And as a dumb man that openeth not his
mouth:
14. Yea, I am become as a man that heareth not,
And in whose mouth is no rejoinder.

15. For on Thee, O Lord, do I wait;
Thou wilt answer, O Lord my God;
16. Lest mine enemies rejoice over me;
Lest, when my foot slippeth, they vaunt themselves against me.
17. For I am at the point to fall,
And my suffering is ever present to me:
18. Yea, I confess mine iniquity,
And am sorry for my sin.
19. But they that are mine enemies without cause
are strong.
And they that hate me wrongfully are many.
20. Yea, they repay evil for good,
And are bitter against me, because I pursue what
is right.
21. O Lord, forsake me not;
Be not far from me, O my God.
22. Haste Thee to my help,
O Lord my Salvation.

PSALM 39

A Soul in Deep Waters.

1. I said, "I will take heed to my ways,
"That I sin not with my tongue.
2. "I will put a muzzle upon my mouth,
"While the wicked are in my presence."
3. I kept silence, and was dumb; I held my peace
even from good words;
But my pain was stirred.

4. My heart waxed hot within me; as I mused,
the fire kindled;
Then spake I with my tongue:—
5. “ Lord, make me to know mine end and the
measure of my days,
“ That I may know how frail I am.
6. “ Lo, my days are hand-breadths, and my
duration is as nothing in Thy sight;
“ *Verily every man at his best estate is but a
breath.*”
7. Verily as a phantom doth man walk to and fro;
verily for vanity he toileth;
He storeth up, and knoweth not who shall
gather.
8. And now, Lord, what wait I for?
On Thee resteth my hope.
9. Deliver me from all my transgressions;
Make me not the reproach of the fool.
10. I am dumb, and open not my mouth;
For Thou didst do it.
11. Remove Thy stroke from me;
I perish by the blow of Thy hand.
12. When Thou with punishment dost chasten man
for sin, Thou destroyest, like the moth, his
desirable things;
Verily man is but a breath.
13. Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear unto my cry;
Be not silent at my tears.

14. For I am a guest with Thee, a sojourner,
As my fathers were before me.
15. Avert Thy frown, that I may recover my cheer,
Before I go hence and be no more.

DAY 8

EVENING PRAYER

PSALM 40

A Thanksgiving for Mercies and a Prayer for Deliverance.

1. I waited, yea, I waited for the Lord,
And He bent down to me and heard my cry.
2. He drew me out of the pit of desolation, out of
the miry slough;
He set my feet upon a rock, and made firm my
stepping.
3. And into my mouth He put a new song,
Even a song of praise to our God.
4. Many shall see and fear,
And shall put their trust in the Lord.
5. Happy the man that maketh the Lord his trust,
And hath not turned to idols, nor fallen faith-
lessly away.
6. Manifold, O Lord, are Thy wondrous works and
Thy thoughts:
No man can order the reckoning thereof.
7. If I would tell them and speak of them,
They cannot be numbered.

8. In sacrifice and offering Thou hast no delight,
but an ear to hearken hast Thou given me:
Burnt-offering and sin-offering Thou dost not
require.
9. Then said I, " Behold, I come ;
" In the roll of the book is my duty written :
10. " I delight, O my God, to do Thy will ;
" Yea, Thy law is on the tablet of my heart."
11. I have proclaimed Thy righteousness in the great
assembly;
Lo, I did not restrain my lips: O Lord, Thou
knowest.
12. I have not hid Thy righteousness within my
heart,
But have declared Thy faithfulness and Thy
saving help.
13. I have not concealed Thy kindness and truth
From the great assembly.
14. Thou, Lord, wilt not restrain Thy compassions
from me;
Thy kindness and truth shall continually guard
me.
15. For innumerable evils coil about me;
My sins have taken hold of me, and I cannot
see;
16. They are more in number than the hairs of my
head,
And my heart faileth me.
17. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to deliver me;
Lord, haste Thee to my help.

18. Let them be ashamed and abashed together that
seek my life to destroy it;
Let them be confounded and put to shame that
plot my hurt.
19. Let them be appalled by reason of their shame,
That mock and jeer at my distress.
20. But let those that seek Thee rejoice and be glad
in Thee;
Let such as look for Thy saving help say continually,
"The Lord be praised."
21. Poor and needy though I be,
The Lord thinketh upon me.
22. Thou art my Help and my Deliverer;
Make no tarrying, O my God.

PSALM 41

Trust in Time of Sickness and Desolation.

1. Happy the man who considereth the weak;
The Lord deliver him in the evil day!
2. The Lord preserve him and keep him alive, that
he may prosper in the land,
And not be given over to the greed of his enemies.
3. The Lord support him on the couch of languishing,
And turn his sickness into health.
4. I said, "O Lord, be gracious unto me;
"Heal me, for I have sinned against Thee."
5. Mine enemies say that I am in evil case;—
"How long ere he die, and his name perish?"

6. Should one of them visit me, he speaketh hypocrisy, and his heart conceiveth malice;
He goeth abroad and uttereth it.
7. They that hate me whisper together against me,
And conspire to say that I am in evil case;—
8. “A deadly malady hath fast hold of him;
“He hath lain down, and will rise no more.”
9. Even the man that was at peace with me, whom
I trusted, who ate of my bread,
Hath lifted his heel against me.
10. But Thou, O Lord, be gracious unto me;
Raise me up, that I may requite them.
11. By this I know that Thou delightest in me,
That mine enemy doth not triumph over me.
12. Because of mine integrity Thou upholdest me,
And wilt make me to stand in Thy presence for
ever.

**BLESSED BE THE LORD THE GOD OF ISRAEL
FROM ETERNITY TO ETERNITY.
AMEN AND AMEN.**

SECOND BOOK

DAY 9

MORNING PRAYER

PSALMS 42 AND 43

The Lament and the Prayer of the Exile.

42. 1. As a hind panteth for the running stream,
So panteth my soul for Thee, O God.
2. My soul is athirst for God, the living God:
When shall I come and worship before God?
3. My tears are my food day and night,
While men daily say to me, "Where now is
thy God?"
4. This I remember, pouring out my soul
within me,
How I would lead the throng to the house
of God,
5. With the voice of joy and praise,
A multitude keeping festival.
6. *Why art thou cast down, my soul?*
Why moanest thou within me?
7. *Wait thou on God, for I shall yet praise Him,*
Who is the Help of my countenance and my
God.

8. O my God, my soul is cast down within me:
Therefore would I remember Thee from the country of the Jordan, from the Hermons and Mount Mizar.
9. Deep calleth unto deep in the roar of Thy cataracts;
All Thy waves and billows are gone over me.
10. Yet did the Lord command His kindness in the daytime,
And in the night I sang of Him, and made my prayer to the God of my life.
11. Let me say unto God my High Crag, "Why dost Thou forget me?
"Why go I mourning under the oppression of the enemy?"
12. "My bones are racked with the taunts of mine adversaries,
"Why they say unto me all the day, 'Where now is thy God?'"
13. *Why art thou cast down, my soul?
Why moanest thou within me?*
14. *Wait thou on God, for I shall yet praise Him,
Who is the Help of my countenance and my God.*
43. 1. Be Thou my judge, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation;
Deliver me from crafty and unjust men.

2. For Thou art God my Stronghold : why dost
Thou cast me off ?
Why go I mourning under the oppression
of the enemy ?
3. O send out Thy light and Thy truth ; let
let them lead me,
And bring me to Thy holy hill and to Thy
dwelling-place.
4. That so I may go to the altar of God, the
God of my gladness,
And give thanks unto Thee upon the harp,
O God, my God.
5. *Why art thou cast down, my soul ?
Why moanest thou within me ?*
6. *Wait thou on God, for I shall yet praise Him,
Who is the Help of my countenance and my
God.*

PSALM 44

At a Time of National Danger.

1. We have heard with our ears, O God ; our fathers
have told us ;
What work Thou didst in their days, the days
of olden time ;
2. How with Thy hand Thou didst uproot the
nations, and plant us in ;
How Thou didst afflict the peoples, but enlarge
our borders.

3. For not by their own sword gat they the land in possession,
Neither did their own arm give them victory ;
4. But Thy right hand and Thine arm,
Because with the light of Thy countenance Thou didst favour them.
5. Thou art my King, O God,
Commander of victories for Jacob.
6. Through Thee will we overthrow our enemies ;
In Thy Name will we tread down our assailants.
7. For not in my bow do I trust,
Nor can my sword give victory ;
8. But it was Thou that didst save us from our enemies,
And put to shame them that hated us.
9. In God do we make our boast all the day long,
And will praise Thy Name for ever.
10. But now Thou hast cast us off and put us to shame,
And goest not forth with our armies.
11. Thou makest us to flee before the enemy,
And they which hate us spoil us at their will.
12. Thou hast given us up like sheep for the slaughter,
And hast scattered us as captives among the nations.
13. Thou sellest Thy people for nought,
And makest no gain by their price.
14. Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours,
A scorn and derision to them that are round about us.

15. Thou makest us a by-word among the nations,
So that the peoples shake the head at us.
16. All the day long is my disgrace before me,
And the shame of my face doth cover me,
17. At the voice of the scorner that revileth,
At the mien of the enemy that thirsteth for
vengeance.
18. All this hath come upon us :
Yet have we not forgotten Thee, nor been unfaith-
ful to Thy covenant.
19. Our heart hath not turned aside,
Nor have our steps swerved from Thy path ;
20. That Thou shouldst have broken us in the place
of desolation,
And wrapped us in the gloom of death.
21. If we had forgotten the Name of our God,
Or spread forth our hands to an alien god,
22. Would not God have searched it out ?
For He knoweth the secrets of the heart.
23. Nay, but for Thy sake were we killed all the day,
And were reckoned as sleep for the slaughter.
24. Awake ! Why slumberest Thou, O Lord ?
Rouse Thee, nor cast us off for ever.
25. Wherefore hidest Thou Thy face,
And forgettest our affliction and oppression ?
26. For our soul is bowed down to the dust ;
Our body cleaveth to the earth.
27. Arise, and be our Help,
And ransom us for Thy kindness' sake.

PSALM 45

A Royal Marriage Ode.

1. My heart is welling with goodly words; my
song is touching a king;
My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.
2. Fairest art thou among the sons of men; grace
hath been poured upon thy lips;
Therefore thou hast God's blessing for ever.
3. Gird thee with thy sword upon thy thigh, thou
mighty one;
Gird on thy majesty and splendour:
4. Bend the bow, and ride on prospering in the
cause of truth and meekness and righteousness;
And let thy right hand teach thee terrible deeds.
5. Let thine arrows be sharp in the heart of the
king's enemies;
Let peoples fall before thee.
6. Thy throne be as God's throne for ever and ever;
A sceptre of justice is the sceptre of thy rule.
7. Thou lovest righteousness and hatest iniquity;
Therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with
oil of gladness above thy fellows.
8. All thy garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes,
and cassia;
From ivory palace stringed instruments greet
thee.

9. Kings' daughters are among thy ladies:
At thy right hand standeth thy bride in gold of
Ophir.
10. Hearken, my daughter, and consider; incline
thine ear;
Forget thine own people and thy father's house.
11. And when the king desireth thy beauty,
Bow thyself unto him, for he is thy lord.
12. The Tyrians shall do thee homage with a gift;
Yea, the richest of the peoples shall sue for thy
favour.
13. The king's daughter is all glorious in her chamber;
Her vesture is inwrought with gold.
14. She shall be led to the king in brodered apparel;
A train of maidens, her companions, shall be
brought unto thee:
15. With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought,
And shall enter into the king's palace.
16. Instead of royal fathers thou shalt have sons,
Whom thou shalt make princes in all the earth.
17. I will make thy name known to all generations;
Therefore shall the peoples praise thee for ever.

PSALM 46

God the Saviour of His People.

1. God is our Refuge and Strength,
A Help well-proved in trouble.

2. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved,
And the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea ;
3. Though the waters thereof rage and foam,
And the mountains quake at the swelling of the same.
4. *The Lord of hosts is with us ;*
The God of Jacob is our Sure Retreat.
5. A river there is, whose waters make glad the city of God,
The holy place where the Most High dwelleth.
6. God is in her midst ; she cannot be moved ;
God shall help her at the dawn of morning.
7. Nations raged, kingdoms were moved ;
He uttered His voice, and the earth melted.
8. *The Lord of hosts is with us ;*
The God of Jacob is our Sure Retreat.
9. Come ye, and behold the works of the Lord,
What desolations He hath set in the earth.
10. He maketh war to cease in all the world ;
He breaketh the bow, and snappeth the spear, and burneth the shield in the fire.
11. Be still, and know that I am God ;
I will be exalted among the nations ; I will be exalted in the earth.
12. *The Lord of hosts is with us ;*
The God of Jacob is our Sure Retreat.

PSALM 47

God the King of All the Earth.

1. Clap your hands, all ye peoples;
Shout unto God with the voice of jubilation.
2. For the Lord most high and terrible
Is the great King over all the earth.
3. He subdued the peoples under us,
And the nations under our feet.
4. He chose our heritage for us,
The pride of Jacob, whom He loved.
5. God hath gone up with a shout,
The Lord with sound of the trump.
6. Sing praises to God, sing praises;
Sing praises to our King, sing praises.
7. For God is King of all the earth;
Sing ye praises in skilful strain.
8. God hath proclaimed Himself King over the
nations;
He hath taken His seat on His holy throne.
9. The princes of the peoples are gathered with the
people of the God of Abraham;
For God is Lord over the lords of earth: greatly
is He exalted.

PSALM 48

The Deliverance of Sion.

1. Great is the Lord and highly to be praised,
In the city of our God, His holy mountain.

2. On the northern ridge, lofty and fair,
Standeth Mount Sion,
3. The joy of the whole earth, the city of the great
King;
God is known in her palaces as a Sure Retreat.
4. For lo, the kings assembled ;
They passed over together.
5. They saw her, and forthwith were amazed ;
They were affrighted, and hasted away.
6. Trembling laid hold of them there ;
Pangs, as of a woman in travail.
7. They were broken, as when with the east wind
Thou breakest in pieces stately ships.
8. As we had heard, so have we seen in the city of
the Lord of hosts, the city of our God :
God will establish her for ever.
9. We ponder Thy kindness, O Lord,
In the midst of Thy temple.
10. As is Thy Name, O Lord, so is Thy praise unto
the ends of the earth ;
Thy right hand is full of righteousness.
11. Let Mount Sion rejoice, and the cities of Judah
be glad,
Because of Thine acts of judgment.
12. Go about Sion ; make the circuit of her walls ;
Count the towers thereof ;
13. Mark well her ramparts ; study her palaces ;
That ye may tell the tale to them that come after.

14. For such is God, our God :
He shall be our Guide for ever.

DAY 10

MORNING PRAYER

PSALM 49

The Transient Prosperity of the Wicked.

1. Hear this, all ye peoples ;
Give ear, all ye that dwell in the world ;
2. Ye of low degree, and ye of high,
Rich man and needy alike.
3. My mouth shall utter words of wisdom,
And the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.
4. I will incline mine ear to the oracle :
I will set forth mine enigma upon the harp.
5. Wherefore should I fear in days of evil,
When the malice of the envious compasseth me ;
6. Even of them that trust in their wealth,
And boast of the abundance of their riches ?
7. But no man soever can ransom himself,
Or pay unto God His price—
8. Too costly is the redemption of a life,
And one must let that alone for ever—
9. So that he should live on alway,
And not see the grave.
10. Nay, but he shall see it ! wise men die, as well
as the fool and the brutish :

All alike perish, and abandon their wealth to others.

11. Their graves are their houses for ever, their dwellings to all generations,
Even though they called lands after their own name.
12. *So man that is in honour hath no continuance ;
He is like to the beasts that perish.*
13. This is the fate of the confident,
The latter end of such as are pleased with their portion.
14. They are folded, like sheep, for the unseen world ;
Death is their shepherd and ruler.
15. Every morning their form wasteth away in the grave,
Far from their lordly dwelling.
16. But God will ransom my soul ;
Out of the grasp of the grave will He take me.
17. So fret not thyself when a man groweth rich,
When the glory of his house increaseth.
18. For he shall carry nothing away when he dieth
His glory shall not descend after him.
19. Though while he lived he blessed his soul,
And praised it because it did well for itself,
20. He shall be gathered unto his fathers,
Who shall never more see the light.
21. *Man that is in honour, if he have not understanding,
Is like to the beasts that perish.*

PSALM 50

A Vision of Judgment.

1. God, the mighty God, the Lord, hath spoken,
And called the earth from the rising of the sun
unto the going down thereof.
2. Out of Sion, pearl of beauty,
God cometh forth shining.
3. Our God cometh, and keepeth not silence:
Fire devoureth before Him, and round Him a
tempest rageth.
4. He calleth to the heavens above;
And to the earth, that He may judge His people:—
5. “Gather My beloved unto Me,
“Those that have made a covenant with Me by
sacrifice.”
6. Let the heavens proclaim His righteousness;
For God is about to judge.
7. “Hear, O My people, and I will speak; I will
protest unto thee, O Israel;
“I am God, thy God.
8. “Not for thy sacrifices do I reprove thee—
“Truly thy burnt-offerings are continually before
Me:
9. “I need not to take bullock out of thy house,
“Or he-goat out of thy folds;
10. “For Mine is every beast of the forest,
“And the cattle in their thousands upon the
hills.

11. " I know all the fowls of the heaven,
 " And the roamers of the plain are in My
 mind.
12. " If I were hungry, I would not tell thee,
 " For the earth is Mine, and the fulness thereof.
13. " Do I eat the flesh of bulls,
 " And drink the blood of goats ?
14. " Sacrifice unto God thanksgiving,
 " And pay to the Most High thy vows :
15. " And call upon Me in the day of trouble ;
 " I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify
 Me."
16. But unto the wicked saith God ;
 " What hast thou to do with rehearsing My
 statutes and taking My covenant on thy lips.
17. " Seeing that thou hatest correction,
 " And hast cast My words behind thee ?
18. " When thou seest a thief, thou hast pleasure in
 him,
 " And thy portion is with adulterers.
19. " Thou lettest loose thy mouth for evil,
 " And thy tongue weaveth deceit.
20. " Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother,
 " And slanderest thine own mother's son.
21. " These things hast thou done, and I kept silence,
 and thou thoughtest I was such an one as
 thyself ;
 " But I will convict thee, and set the truth
 before thee."

22. " Now mark this well, ye that forget God,
" Lest I tear in pieces, and there be none to
deliver.
23. " He that sacrificeth thanksgiving honoureth Me,
" And to him that keepeth My way will I show
the salvation of God."

DAY 10

EVENING PRAYER

PSALM 51

A Penitential Psalm.

1. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy
kindness ;
According to the abundance of Thy compassions
blot out my transgressions.
2. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.
3. For I acknowledge my transgressions,
And my sin is ever present to me.
4. Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and
done evil in Thy sight,
That Thy sentence might be justified, and Thy
holiness be clear when Thou judgest.
5. Behold, I was born in iniquity,
And in sin did my mother conceive me.
6. Behold, Thou desirest truth in the heart ;
Therefore teach me the mysteries of Thy wisdom.
7. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean ;
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8. Make me to hear joy and gladness,
That the bones which Thou hast broken may
rejoice.
9. Turn Thine eyes from my sins,
And blot out all mine iniquities.
10. Create me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a stedfast spirit within me.
11. Cast me not away from Thy presence,
And take not Thy holy spirit from me.
12. Restore to me the joy of Thy help,
And strengthen me with Thy guiding spirit.
13. Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways,
And sinners shall return unto Thee.
14. Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, Thou God
of my help,
And my tongue shall sing of Thy righteousness.
15. O God, open Thou my lips,
And my mouth shall proclaim Thy praise.
16. For Thou delightest not in sacrifice, that I
should give it;
In burnt-offering Thou hast no pleasure.
17. The sacrifice Thou desirest is a broken spirit;
A broken and contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt
not despise.
18. O do good, of Thy favour, unto Sion;
Build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.
19. Then shalt Thou delight in sacrifices of righteous-
ness, in oblations of burnt-offering:
Then shall bullocks be offered upon Thine altar.

PSALM 52

The Doom of the Ungodly.

1. Why gloriest thou in mischief, thou tyrant,
Since the kindness of God endureth at all
times ?
2. Thy tongue deviseth destruction,
Like a whetted razor, thou man of guile.
3. Thou lovest evil more than good,
And falsehood more than righteous speech.
4. Thou lovest all devouring words,
O thou deceitful tongue.
5. God shall likewise destroy thee for ever;
He shall seize thee, and pluck thee out of thy
tent, and uproot thee from the land of the
living.
6. This shall the righteous see with awe,
And shall laugh him to scorn:—
7. “ Behold the man that made not God his strong-
hold,
“ But trusted in the abundance of his riches,
and strengthened himself in his substance.”
8. But I am like a luxuriant olive in the house of
God:
I trust in the kindness of God for ever and ever.
9. I will give thanks to Thee alway for that Thou
hast done,
And proclaim before Thy loved ones that Thy
Name is good.

[PSALM 53]

(A recension, with slight variations, of Ps. 14.)

PSALM 54

God our Help in Peril.

1. Save me, O Lord, for Thy Name's sake,
And right me in Thy strength.
2. Hear my prayer, O God;
Give ear to the words of my mouth.
3. For proud men are risen against me, and men
of violence seek my life;
They set not God before their eyes.
4. Behold, O God my Helper;
O Lord, Upholder of my life.
5. Let the evil be repaid to my watchful foes;
Destroy them in Thy truth.
6. With willing heart will I sacrifice to Thee,
And praise Thy Name, O Lord, for it is good.
7. Deliver me from all my trouble,
And let mine eye see its desire upon mine enemies.

DAY 11

MORNING PRAYER

PSALM 55

The Cry of the Persecuted.

1. Give ear to my prayer, O God,
And hide not Thyself from my supplication.

2. Attend unto me, and answer me ;
I toss to and fro, and moan in my plaint,
3. Because of the voice of the enemy and the
oppression of the wicked ;
For they fling evil words at me and with anger
pursue me.
4. My heart is anguished within me,
And terrors of death are fallen upon me.
5. Fear and trembling are come upon me,
And horror hath overwhelmed me.
6. And I said, " O that I had wings like a dove !
" Then would I fly away, and be at rest.
7. " Lo, then would I wander far away,
" And lodge me in the wilderness.
8. " I would haste me to a shelter
" From the stormy blast and tempest."
9. Confound, O Lord, and divide their speech,
For I see violence and strife in the city.
10. Day and night they go their rounds upon her
walls ;
Iniquity and mischief are within her.
11. Destruction is in the midst thereof ;
Oppression and guile depart not from her
streets.
12. For it is not an enemy that reproacheth me ;
Then I could have borne it.
13. Neither is it one that hateth me, that vaunteth
himself against me ;
Then I would have hid myself from him.

14. But it was thou, whom I ranked as myself,
My companion and familiar friend.
15. Together we held sweet converse,
And walked to the house of God in concord.
16. Let death come upon them at unawares; let
them go down alive to the grave;
For wickedness is in their dwellings and within
them.
17. But I will call upon God,
And the Lord will save me.
18. Evening and morning and noon will I complain
and moan,
And He will hear my voice.
19. He will ransom my soul, that none come nigh me,
For they be many against me.
20. God will hear and humble them; He who is
King from of old;
The doom changeth never for them that fear
not God.
21. He put forth his hand against them that were
at peace with him,
And he brake his covenant.
22. His face was smoother than butter, but his heart
was war;
His words were softer than oil; yet were they
naked swords.
23. Cast thy burden upon the Lord; He will sustain
thee;
He will never suffer the righteous to be shaken.

24. But as for them,
Thou, O God, wilt bring them down to the pit
of the grave.
25. Men of blood and guile shall not live out half
their days:
But I will trust in Thee.

PSALM 56

The Victory of Faith over Fear.

1. Have mercy upon me, O God, for man doth
tread me down;
All the day long he is fighting and troubling me.
2. All the day long my watchful foes tread me
down;
For many are the proud that fight against me.
3. But I, what time I am afraid,
Will put my trust in Thee.
4. *In God will I praise His word of promise ; in God
have I put my trust ;
I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.*
5. All the day long they vex me with words ;
All their thoughts are against me.
6. They gather in bands for evil ; they lie in wait ;
They mark my steps, as they watch for my life.
7. Weigh out to them the price of their iniquity ;
In anger, O God, cast down the peoples.

8. Thou countest my wanderings; my tears are
before Thee;
Yea, they are noted in Thy book.
9. When I call, mine enemies will be put to flight;
This I know, because God is on my side.
10. *In God will I praise His word of promise; in God
have I put my trust :
I will not fear what man can do unto me.*
11. Unto Thee, O God, will I pay my vows;
Unto Thee will I give thanks.
12. For Thou hast delivered my soul from death and
my feet from stumbling,
That I may walk before God in the light of the
living.

PSALM 57

Faith, in the Presence of Malignant Enemies.

1. Have mercy upon me, O God, have mercy upon
me,
For my soul hath sought refuge in Thee;
2. And in the shadow of Thy wings shall be my
shelter,
Till the storm of ruin be over-past.
3. I will cry unto God most high,
Unto God, who dealeth bountifully with me.
4. May He send from heaven and save me, when
he that would swallow me up revileth;
May God send forth His kindness and truth.

5. My soul is among lions; I lie among men that
breathe fire;
Whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their
tongue a sharp sword.
6. *Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens,
And Thy glory above all the earth.*
7. They spread a net for my feet; they bowed
down my soul;
They digged a pit before me, and into it are they
fallen.
8. My heart is stedfast, O God, my heart is sted-
fast;
I will sing and give praise.
9. Awake, my soul; awake, my harp;
With the lyre let me wake the dawn.
10. I will thank Thee, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will praise Thee among the nations.
11. For high as the heaven is Thy kindness,
And Thy truth reacheth to the skies.
12. *Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens,
And Thy glory above all the earth.*

[PSALM 58]

The Doom on Unrighteous Rulers.

- [1. Are ye dumb, ye that should speak righteousness,
That should judge men with equity?

2. Nay, ye practise wickedness in your heart;
Ye weigh out violence in the land.
3. The wicked are apostate from the womb:
They go astray from their birth, speaking lies.
4. They are venomous as the poison of an asp;
They are deaf as the adder which stoppeth her
ears;
5. Which hearkeneth not to the voice of the charmer,
Charm he never so cunningly.
6. God shall break their teeth in their mouths;
The Lord shall shatter the grinders of these
lions.
7. Let them melt, as water that runneth away;
Let the arrows that they shoot be pointless.
8. Let them be as a snail which wasteth as it
goeth;
As an untimely birth that never beheld the
sun.
9. Before their pot feel the fire of thorns, while their
meat is yet raw,
The hot wrath of the Lord shall sweep them
away.
10. The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the
judgment;
He shall bathe his feet in the blood of the
wicked.
11. And men shall say, " Verily there is a reward
for the righteous;
" Verily there is a God that judgeth in the earth."]

PSALM 59

A Prayer against the Malice of Enemies.

1. Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God;
Set me on high above mine assailants.
2. Deliver me from the workers of iniquity,
And save me from men of blood.
3. For lo, they lie in wait for my life; strong ones
muster against me;
For no transgression or sin of mine, O Lord.
4. For no fault of mine they run and station them-
selves;
Rouse Thee to help me, and behold.
5. Yea, do Thou, O Lord God of hosts, Thou God of
Israel, awake to visit all the nations;
Spare not the treacherous workers of iniquity.
6. Every morning do they come;
They snarl like dogs, and prowls about the city.
7. Lo, they pour forth with their mouth, and in
their lips are swords;
“For who,” say they, “doth hear?”
8. But Thou, O Lord, laughest at them;
Thou hast all the nations in derision.
9. *O my Strength, unto Thee will I sing;
For God is my Sure Retreat.*
10. May my God meet me with His kindness,
And let me see my desire upon my watchful foes.

11. Have not compassion on them, lest they forget;
But scatter them by Thy host and cast them
down, O Lord my Shield.
12. With each word of their lips their mouth sinneth;
let them be taken in their pride,
In the curses and lies which they speak.
13. Consume them in wrath, consume them utterly,
And it shall be known unto the ends of the earth
that God ruleth in Jacob.
14. Aye, every evening let them come,
Snarl like dogs, and prowl about the city.
15. Let them range to and fro for food,
And tarry all night, if they be not satisfied.
16. Yet will I sing of Thy strength; I will sing aloud
of Thy kindness in the morning;
For thou hast been my Sure Retreat, my Refuge
in the day of trouble.
17. *O my Strength, unto Thee will I sing;
For God is my Sure Retreat, the God that sheweth
me kindness.*

PSALM 60

Faith, in the Hour of Defeat.

1. O God, Thou hast cast us off, and broken us down;
Thou wast angry, and didst turn us backward.
2. Thou hast made the land to tremble, and hast
rent it:
Heal the breaches thereof, for it shaketh.

3. Thou hast caused Thy people to see hard things ;
Thou hast made us to drink the wine of staggering.
4. Thou hast given a banner to them that fear Thee,
Only that they may flee before the bow.
5. That Thy loved ones may be delivered,
Save with Thy right hand, and answer us.
6. God spake in His sanctuary ;—" I will exult ;
" I will portion out Shechem, and mete out the
valley of Succoth.
7. " Gilead is Mine, and Manasseh is Mine ;
" Ephraim is My helmet, Judah My commander's
staff.
8. " Moab is My wash-pot ; to Edom will I toss My
sandal ;
" Over Philistia will I triumph."
9. Who will bring me to the fortress-city ?
Who will lead me unto Edom ?
10. Wilt not Thou, O God, who didst cast us off,
And wentest not forth with our hosts ?
11. O help us against the enemy,
For vain is the help of man.
12. Through God we shall do valiantly,
And He will tread down our enemies.

PSALM 61

The Prayer of a King.

1. Hear my cry, O God ;
Attend unto my prayer.

2. From the ends of the earth I call upon Thee
In that my heart fainteth.
3. Place me high upon the rock,
For Thou art my Refuge, a Strong Tower against
the enemy.
4. Let me dwell in Thy tent for ever,
And find shelter in the covert of Thy wings.
5. Thou, O God, hast heard my vows ;
Thou hast granted the prayer of them that fear
Thy Name.
6. Thou wilt add days to the days of the king ;
His years shall be as many generations.
7. He shall sit enthroned before God for ever ;
Kindness and truth shall guard him.
8. So will I alway sing praise to Thy Name,
And daily perform my vows.

DAY 12

MORNING PRAYER

PSALM 62

God our Defence and Refuge.

1. *Upon God only my soul waiteth in stillness ;
From Him cometh my salvation.*
2. *He only is my Rock and my Salvation ;
He is my Sure Retreat ; I shall not be shaken.*
3. How long will ye set upon a man, all of you, to
thrust him down,
As he were a leaning wall or a tottering fence ?

4. They plot only how to cast me from my dignity,
delighting in lies;
They bless with their mouth, but curse in their
heart.
5. *Upon God only wait thou, my soul, in stillness,
For from Him cometh all my hope.*
6. *He only is my Rock and my Salvation ;
He is my Sure Retreat ; I shall not be shaken.*
7. In God is my safety and glory ;
The Rock of my strength and my Refuge is
God.
8. O put your trust in Him alway, ye people ;
Pour out your heart to God, for He is our
Refuge.
9. Only vanity are common men, only a lie are the
great ;
They go up in the balance, they are lighter than
a breath.
10. Rely not on oppression ; put not vain trust in
robbery ;
If wealth increase, set not your heart thereon.
11. Oft hath God said, and oft-times have I heard :—
That power belongeth unto God ;
12. And that unto Thee, Lord, belongeth kindness,
For Thou renderest to each man according to his
work.

PSALM 63

The Blessedness of Fellowship with God.

1. O God, Thou art my God ;
Earnestly do I seek Thee.
2. My soul thirsteth for Thee, my flesh panteth
after Thee,
As in a dry and weary land, wherein is no water.
3. Even so have I gazed upon Thee in the sanctuary,
Beholding Thy power and glory.
4. Because Thy kindness is better than life,
My lips shall praise Thee.
5. So will I bless Thee as long as I live ;
I will lift up my hands in Thy Name.
6. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and
fatness,
And my mouth shall praise Thee with jubilant
lips.
7. I call Thee to mind upon my bed,
And meditate upon Thee in the watches of the
night.
8. For Thou hast been my help,
And in the shadow of Thy wings I sing for joy.
9. My soul hangeth upon Thee ;
Thy right hand holdeth me fast.
10. As for them that seek my life to destroy it,
They shall go to the nether-world.
11. They shall be given over to the power of the
sword ;
They shall be a portion for jackals.

12. But the king will rejoice in God ; every one that
swaureth by Him shall glory ;
For the mouth of them that speak lies shall be
stopped.

PSALM 64

A Prayer for Protection against Enemies.

1. Hear, O God, the voice of my complaint ;
Guard my life from the terror of the enemy.
2. Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked,
From the gathering of evil-doers ;
3. Who whet their tongue like a sword,
And aim their arrows, bitter words ;
4. That from their hiding-place they may shoot at
the innocent ;
They shoot at him suddenly, and have no fear.
- 5 They encourage themselves in an evil purpose ;
They plot to lay snares privily, saying, “ Who
shall observe us ? ”
6. They plan deeds of iniquity with cunning per-
fection :
Each one draweth nigh with subtle thought.
7. Then God doth shoot at them with an arrow ;
Suddenly are they wounded.
8. They stumble ; their own tongue recoileth upon
them ;
And whoso seeth them doth laugh them to scorn.
9. So shall all men fear, and proclaim it God’s doing,
And shall ponder His work.

10. The righteous shall be glad in the Lord, and shall
trust in Him ;
And the upright of heart shall exult.

DAY 12

EVENING PRAYER

PSALM 65

Praise God for His Goodness.

1. Praise, O God, beseemeth Thee in Sion,
And unto Thee shall the vow be performed in
Jerusalem.
2. O Thou that hearest prayer,
Before Thee shall all flesh worship.
3. Our transgressions have prevailed against us,
But Thou dost purge away our sins.
4. Happy the man whom Thou choosest, and
bringest near to dwell in Thy courts :
May we be filled with the bliss of Thy house, the
holy place of Thy temple.
5. By terrible acts dost Thou answer us in righteous-
ness, O God of our salvation,
Thou that art the trust of all the ends of the
earth and of the uttermost sea :
6. Who by Thy strength settest fast the mountains,
Being girded about with might :
7. Who stillest the roaring of the seas,
The roaring of their waves, and the tumult of the
nations.

8. They that dwell in the uttermost parts are awed
by the tokens of Thy power ;
From the rising to the setting sun Thou makest
the voice of praise to be heard.
9. Thou visitest the earth and waterest it ; Thou
greatly enrichest it ;
Thou preparest their corn with rain from heaven ;
yea, well dost Thou prepare it.
10. Thou drenchest its furrows ; Thou beatest down
its ridges ;
Thou makest it soft with showers ; Thou blessest
its growth.
11. Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness,
And Thy chariot-tracks drop richness ;
12. The pastures of the wilderness drip,
And the hills are girt with gladness.
13. The meadows are clothed with flocks ; the valleys
are decked with corn ;
They shout for joy and sing.

PSALM 66

A Thanksgiving for National Mercies.

1. Shout joyously unto God, all the earth ;
Sing the glory of His Name in hymns of praise.
2. Say unto God, " How fearful are Thy works !
" Because of the greatness of Thy power Thine
enemies pay Thee homage.

3. " All the earth shall worship Thee ;
" Yea, shall sing and praise Thy Name."
4. Come ye, and see the works of God ;
How fearful is His dealing with the children of
men.
5. He turned the sea to dry land ; through the
river we passed on foot :
There did we rejoice in Him.
6. He ruleth by His might for ever ; His eyes are
on the nations ;
Let not the rebellious vaunt themselves.
7. O bless our God, ye peoples :
Loud let His praises sound :
8. Who keepeth our soul alive,
And suffereth not our feet to slip.
9. For Thou, O God, hast tried us ;
Thou hast smelted us, as silver is smelted.
10. Thou broughtest us into the net,
And laidest affliction upon our loins.
11. Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads ;
we went through fire and water ;
But Thou broughtest us out into a spacious
place.
12. I will enter Thy house with burnt-offerings ;
I will pay Thee the vows which my lips did speak,
which my mouth uttered, when I was in
trouble.

13. I will offer Thee fatlings, with sweet savour of
rams;
I will offer bullocks and goats.
14. Come hither and hearken, all ye that fear God,
And I will tell you what He hath done for me.
15. I cried unto Him with my mouth,
And high praise was upon my tongue.
16. If I had regarded iniquity in my heart,
The Lord had not heard me.
17. But verily God did hear:
He listened to the voice of my prayer.
18. Blessed be God, who turned not away my prayer,
Nor withdrew His kindness from me.

PSALM 67

A Hymn of Praise.

1. O God, be gracious unto us, and bless us,
And make Thy face to shine upon us :
2. That Thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy salvation among all nations.
3. *Let the peoples give Thee thanks, O God ;
Let all the peoples give Thee thanks.*
4. Let the nations be glad, and sing for joy,
For Thou judgest the peoples in righteousness,
and ledest the nations upon earth.

5. *Let the peoples give Thee thanks, O God ;
Let all the peoples give Thee thanks.*
6. The land hath yielded her increase ;
God, our own God, doth bless us.
7. God doth bless us :
Let all the ends of the earth do reverence to Him.

DAY 13

MORNING PRAYER

PSALM 68

A Vision of the Universal Dominion of God.

1. When God ariseth, His enemies are scattered,
And they that hate Him flee from His presence.
2. As a drift of smoke He will drive them away ;
As wax melteth at the fire, the wicked shall
perish at the presence of God.
3. But the righteous shall be glad and exult before
God ;
They shall rejoice with gladness.
4. Sing unto God, sing praise to His Name, extol
Him who rideth on the clouds ;
The Lord is His Name ; exult ye before Him.
5. Father of the fatherless and protector of widows
Is God in His holy habitation.
6. God setteth the lonely in a home ; He bringeth
forth prisoners into prosperity ;
But the rebellious dwell in a thirsty land.

7. O God, when Thou wentest forth before Thy
people,
When Thou marchedst through the wilderness,
8. The earth quaked, the heavens poured, at the
presence of God ;
Yon Sinai quaked at the presence of God, the
God of Israel.
9. A generous rain Thou didst send, O God ;
When Thy heritage was weary, Thou didst
refresh it.
10. There Thy family made their abode ;
Thou, O God, didst in Thy goodness provide for
the poor.
11. The Lord spake the word ;
Many are the women that publish the tid-
ings :—
12. “ Kings with their armies flee, they flee ;
“ And the housewife at home doth share the
spoil.
13. “ Will ye lie at ease among the sheepfolds,
basking as a dove,
“ Whose wings shimmer with silver and her
feathers with yellow gold ?
14. “ When the Almighty scattered kings in the
land,
“ Then fell they as snowflakes fall on Salmon.”
15. Mount Bashan is a goodly mountain,
A lofty mountain is Mount Bashan.

16. Why look ye askance, ye lofty mountains, at
the mount which God hath desired for His
dwelling ?
Yea, the Lord will make it His abode for ever.
17. The chariots of God are ten thousand twice-told,
thousands upon thousands ;
The Lord is among them ; it is a Sinai in holi-
ness.
18. Thou hast climbed the steep ascent, Thou hast
led Thy train of captives, Thou hast received
gifts from men ;
Yea, even from the rebellious, that the Lord God
might dwell among them.
19. Blessed be the Lord, who daily beareth our
burden,
Even God our Salvation.
20. God is to us a God of deliverance ;
From God the Lord cometh escape from death.
21. God doth smite the head of His enemies,
The bold transgressor that goeth on still in his
sins.
22. The Lord saith, " I will bring them back from
the heights of Bashan ;
" I will bring them back from the depths of the
sea ;
23. " That thy foot may be bathed in the blood of
thine enemies,
" And the tongue of thy dogs may be dipped in
the same."

24. They have seen Thy triumph, O God,
The procession of my God, my King, into the
sanctuary.
25. Singers lead the way and minstrels follow,
In the midst are damsels playing on timbrels.
26. " Bless ye God in full choirs ;
" Ye that are sprung from Israel, praise the
Lord."
27. There is little Benjamin, their ruler ; the princes
of Judah, a goodly company ;
The princes of Zebulon ; the princes of Naphtali.
28. Command, O God, Thy strength ; be strong, O
Lord, who hast wrought for us from Thy
temple ;
At Jerusalem kings shall bring presents unto
Thee.
29. Rebuke the pride of Egypt, the kings and the
herds that follow them ;
Trample under foot their tribute of silver ;
scatter Thou the peoples that delight in war.
30. Princely envoys shall come from Egypt ;
Ethiopia shall haste to stretch out her hands
unto God.
31. Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth ;
Sing praises unto the Lord ;
32. Who rideth upon the heavens which are from
of old ;
Lo, He uttereth His voice, a mighty voice.

33. Ascribe ye strength unto God ;
His majesty is over Israel, and His strength is
in the skies.
34. Terrible is God, ruling from His sanctuary,
Even the God of Israel.
35. He giveth strength and power unto His people :
Blessed be God !

DAY 13

EVENING PRAYER

PSALM 69

The Prayer of an Afflicted Servant of God.

1. Save me, O God, for the waters are come in,
Even unto my life.
2. I sink in deep mire, where is no footing ;
I am come into deep waters, where the floods
overflow me.
3. I am aweary with crying ; my throat is parched ;
Mine eyes fail with waiting for my God.
4. They that hate me without cause are more than
the hairs of my head ;
Mine enemies, that would destroy me guiltless,
are mighty.
5. Things that I never took,
These I must needs restore.
6. O God, Thou knowest my weakness,
And my sins are not hid from Thee.

7. Let not them that trust in Thee, O Lord God of hosts, be shamed through me ;
Let not those that seek Thee be dishonoured through me, O God of Israel.
8. For it is for Thee that I have borne reproach,
That shame hath covered my face.
9. I am become a stranger to my brethren,
An alien to my mother's sons ;
10. Because zeal for Thy house hath consumed me,
And the reproaches of them that reproached Thee are fallen upon me.
11. When I wept my soul away in fasting,
That was turned to my reproach.
12. When I made sackcloth my vesture,
I became a by-word unto them.
13. They that sit in the market-place make me their talk,
And I am the jest of the wine-bibbers.
14. But unto Thee, O Lord, I direct my prayer,
Now in the hour of grace.
15. Out of the abundance of Thy kindness answer me, O God,
Even with the truth of Thy saving help.
16. Take me out of the mire, that I sink not ;
Let me be delivered from them that hate me,
and out of the deep waters.
17. Let not the flood overwhelm me, neither let the deep swallow me up ;
Let not the grave shut its mouth upon me.

18. Answer me, O God, for Thy kindness is good,
According to the multitude of Thy compassions
turn Thee unto me.
19. Hide not Thy face from Thy servant, for I am
sore beset;
O haste Thee to answer me.
20. Draw nigh to my soul and redeem it;
Ransom me from mine enemies.
21. Thou knowest my reproach, my shame, my
dishonour;
Mine adversaries are all before Thee.
22. Their reviling hath broken my heart; I am full
of heaviness;
And I looked for pity, but there was none; for
comforters, but I found them not.
23. They gave me gall-berries to eat,
And for my thirst vinegar to drink.
- [24. May their table become to them a snare,
A trap to them in their security.
25. Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not;
And let their loins shake with palsy.
26. Pour out Thine indignation upon them,
And let Thy hot wrath overtake them.
27. Let their camp be desolate,
And no man to dwell in their tents.
28. For they persecute him whom Thou hast smitten,
And add to their pain whom Thou hast wounded.
29. Let them fall from one wickedness to another,
And let them not share Thy righteousness.

30. Let them be blotted from the book of the
living,
And not be written with the righteous.]
31. But I am afflicted and sore pained;
Let Thy saving help, O God, lift me on high.
32. I will praise the Name of God with a song,
And magnify Him with thanksgiving.
33. This will please the Lord better than ox;
Yea, better than choicest bullock.
34. The afflicted shall be glad, when they see it;
Ye that seek the Lord, let your heart revive.
35. For the Lord heareth the needy,
And despiseth not His prisoners.
36. Let heaven and earth praise Him,
The seas, and all that move therein.
37. For God will save Sion, and build again the cities
of Judah,
And men shall dwell there, and have it in
possession.
38. The seed also of His servants shall inherit it,
And they that love His Name shall dwell
therein.

[PSALM 70]

(A repetition of Psalm 40, 16-21, with slight
variations.)

PSALM 71

A Hymn of Trust and Thanksgiving.

1. In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust;
Let me never be ashamed.
2. Deliver me in Thy righteousness, and save me;
Bow down Thine ear to me, and help me.
3. Be Thou my Rock, my Stronghold of safety,
For Thou art my High Crag and my Fortress.
4. Deliver me, O my God, from the hand of the
wicked,
From the hand of the unrighteous and cruel
man.
5. For Thou, O Lord God, art my hope;
Thou art my trust from my youth.
6. On Thee have I been stayed from my birth;
Thou hast blessed me from my mother's
womb;
My praise shall be alway of Thee.
7. I am become a wonder unto many,
Since Thou art my refuge and strength.
8. My mouth shall be filled with Thy praise,
And with Thy glory all the day long.
9. Cast me not away in the time of age;
Forsake me not, when my strength faileth.
10. For mine enemies speak concerning me,
And they that lie in wait for my life take counsel
together:—

11. " God hath forsaken him ; pursue him and take
him ;
" For there is none to deliver."
12. O God, be not far from me ;
Haste Thee, my God, to help me.
13. Let them be put to shame and confusion that
are foes to my life ;
Let them be covered with reproach and dishonour
that seek my hurt.
14. But I will hope alway,
And will praise Thee more and more.
15. All the day long shall my mouth declare Thy
righteousness and Thy saving help,
Though I know not how to tell the tale.
16. I will shew forth the mighty acts of the Lord
God,
And make mention of Thy righteousness, even
Thine only.
17. Thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth,
And I cease not to declare Thy wondrous
works.
18. Even when I am old and grey-headed, O God,
forsake me not ;
That I may declare Thy power to this generation,
Thy might to generations to come.
19. Thy righteousness, O God, reacheth to the
heavens, and great are the things that Thou
hast done :
O God, who is like unto Thee ?

20. Many and sore are the troubles that Thou hast
shewed me,
But Thou wilt restore me to life, and wilt bring
me again from the nether depths.
21. O multiply Thy greatness;
Turn Thee again, and comfort me.
22. So, my God, will I praise Thee and Thy faith-
fulness on the lyre;
Unto Thee will I sing with the harp, Thou holy
One of Israel.
23. My lips will be glad when I sing unto Thee,
And my soul which Thou hast ransomed.
24. My tongue also shall sing of Thy righteousness
all the day long,
Because they are abashed and put to shame that
sought my hurt.

PSALM 72

A Kingdom of Righteousness.

1. Give to the king, O God, Thy spirit of judgment,
And Thy righteousness to a king's son.
2. Then shall he judge Thy people with righteousness,
And Thy poor with justice.
3. The mountains shall bring peace unto the people,
And the hills righteousness.
4. He shall mete out justice to the poor;
He shall save the children of the needy, and
crush the oppressor.

5. His seed shall endure from generation to generation,
As long as the sun shineth and the moon giveth her light.
6. He shall be as rain on grass of the meadow,
As showers that water the earth.
7. In his day shall righteousness flourish,
And abundance of peace as long as the moon endureth.
8. He shall have dominion from sea to sea,
And from the Great River unto the ends of the earth.
9. The nomads of the desert shall bow before him,
And his enemies lick the dust.
10. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,
The kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.
11. Yea, all kings shall fall down before him;
All nations shall do him service.
12. Because he delivereth the needy when he crieth,
And the poor man that hath no helper:
13. Because he pitieth the weak and needy,
And saveth the lives of the poor:
14. Because he redeemeth their life from oppression and violence,
And their blood is precious in his eyes:
15. They shall live, and give him of the gold of Sheba,
And ever pray for him, and bless him all the day.

16. There shall be abundance of corn in the land;
High on the hills shall it wave:
17. The ears thereof shall rustle like Lebanon;
And men shall spring from the city like grass of
the earth.
18. His name shall endure for ever;
While the sun shineth his name shall be
established.
19. Men shall be blessed in him,
And all nations shall call him happy.

**BLESSED BE THE LORD GOD, THE GOD OF ISRAEL,
WHICH ALONE DOETH WONDROUS DEEDS.
AND BLESSED BE HIS GLORIOUS NAME FOR EVER,
AND LET THE WHOLE EARTH BE FILLED WITH HIS GLORY.
AMEN AND AMEN.**

THIRD BOOK

DAY 14

EVENING PRAYER

PSALM 73

The Mystery of Prosperous Wickedness.

1. Surely God is good unto Israel,
Unto such as are pure in heart.
2. Yet my feet were almost gone,
My steps had well-nigh slipped.
3. For I was envious of the boastful,
When I marked the prosperity of the wicked.
4. For they suffer no pains;
Their body is lusty and strong.
5. They are not troubled like common folk,
Nor plagued like other men.
6. Therefore pride is as a necklace to them,
And violence covereth them as a garment.
7. From their grossness cometh forth iniquity,
And the conceits of their mind overflow.
8. They scoff at wickedness,
And speak loftily of oppression.
9. They have set their mouth in the heaven,
And their tongue walketh through the earth.

23. Thou guidest me with Thy counsel,
And afterward wilt receive me to honour.
24. Whom have I in heaven but Thee?
And there is none upon earth that I desire
beside Thee.
25. Though my flesh and my heart should fail,
God is the rock of my heart and my portion for
ever.
26. Lo, they that forsake Thee shall perish;
Thou destroyest all that break troth with Thee.
27. But for me it is good to draw near unto God;
I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I
may tell of all His works.
1. O God, why hast Thou cast us off for ever?
Why doth Thy wrath smoke against the sheep
of Thy pasture?
2. Behink Thee of Thy congregation, which Thou
didst purchase of old, the tribe which Thou
didst redeem to be Thy heritage,
And of Mount Sion, whereon Thou hast dwelt.
3. Rouse Thee to visit the perpetual desolation,
Thee that the enemy hath wrought in the
sanctuary.
4. Thine adversaries have roared within Thy
precinct;
They have polluted Thy holy place with their rites.

The Profanation of the Sanctuary.

PSALM 74

10. Therefore my people turn after them,
And drink their fill of their cup.
11. And they say, "How should God know?
"Is there indeed knowledge in the Most High?"
12. Lo, such are the wicked;
13. And being alway secure they increase in substance.
14. Surely in vain have I cleansed my heart,
And washed my hands in innocency.
15. For all the day long have I been plagued,
And chastened every morning.
16. Yet, if I had said, "I too will speak thus,"
Lo, I had been a traitor to Thy children.
17. But when I pondered this to understand it,
It was a trouble in mine eyes:
18. Until I went into the sanctuary of God,
And considered their latter end.
19. Surely in slippery places dost Thou set them;
Thou castest them down to destruction.
20. How are they made desolate in a moment,
And brought to an end by terrors!
21. As a man maketh light of a dream when he
waketeth,
Thou, Lord, when Thou rousest Thee, wilt despise
their vain image.
22. When I felt embittered and my heart was sore,
I was dull and ignorant, as a brute beast before
Thee.
23. Yet am I alway with Thee;
Thou holdest fast my right hand.

14. Thou didst cleave the rock, and torrents flowed forth ;

Thou didst dry up unfailing rivers.

15. The day is Thine, and the night is Thine ;

Thou didst establish the sun and the moon.

16. Thou hast fixed all the bounds of the earth ;

Thou hast made summer and winter.

17. Remember, O Lord, how the enemy hath scoffed,

How a senseless people blasphemed Thy Name.

18. Deliver not the life of Thy dove unto wild beasts ;

Forget not the family of Thy poor for ever.

19. Have respect unto the covenant,

For the dark places of the earth are homes of

pride and violence.

20. Let not the oppressed turn away disappointed ;

Let the poor and needy give praise to Thy Name.

21. Arise, O God ; plead Thine own cause ;

Remember how the senseless man insulteth

Thee daily.

22. Forget not the voice of Thine adversaries,

The tumult of Thine assailants which ascendeth

continually.

DAY 15

MORNING PRAYER

PSALM 75

God a Righteous Judge.

1. Unto Thee, O God, we give thanks ; we give
thanks, and call upon Thy Name ;
We will tell of all Thy wondrous works.

5. They were as men who wield axes in a thick forest;
With hatchet and hammer they have broken
down the carved work thereof.
6. They have given Thy sanctuary to the flames;
They have delied in the dust the dwelling-place
of Thy Name.
7. They said in their heart, "Let us make havoc of
them altogether";
They have made the festivals of God to cease in
the land.
8. The symbols of Thy presence are gone; there
is no more any prophet;
There is among us none that hath knowledge.
9. How long, O God, shall the adversary scoff?
Shall the enemy blaspheme Thy Name for ever?
10. Why drawest Thou back Thy hand, even Thy
right hand?
Pluck it forth from Thy bosom, and consume
them.
11. Yet God is my King from the days of old,
Working deeds of salvation in the midst of the
earth.
12. Thou didst part the sea by Thy power;
Thou didst break the heads of the monsters
upon the waters.
13. Thou didst crush the head of the crocodile;
Thou gavest him to be food for the tribes of the
desert.

2. "When," saith God, "the set time is come,
"I, even I, will judge uprightly.
3. "Though the earth be dissolved, and all that
dwell therein,
"I bear up the pillars of it.
4. "I say unto the boasters, 'Boast not';
"And to the wicked, 'Lift not up the horn.'"
5. Lift not up your horn on high,
Nor speak arrogantly against God.
6. For not from the rising nor from the setting sun,
Nor yet from the south, cometh lifting up.
7. For God is the Judge;
He humbleth one, and lifteth up another.
8. For in the hand of the Lord is a cup, and the
wine is red;
It is full spiced, and He poureth out therefrom.
9. Surely all the wicked of the earth
Shall drink it to the dregs.
10. But I will rejoice always,
And sing to the God of Jacob.
11. The horns of the wicked shall be cut off;
But the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.

PSALM 76

A Thanksgiving to God the Deliverer.

1. In Judæa God made Himself known,
His Name became great in Israel.

2. In Salem He set His tent,
And His dwelling on Sion.
3. There brake He the flashing shafts of the bow,
Shield and sword and battle-gear.
4. Terrible art Thou in majesty,
Ruling from the eternal hills.
5. The stout of heart are spoiled ; they sleep their
last sleep ;
The hands of the men of might are palsied.
6. At Thy rebuke, O God of Jacob,
Deep sleep fell on chariot and on horse.
7. Thou, even Thou, art terrible ;
Who can stand before Thine anger ?
8. Thou didst cause judgment to peal from
heaven ;
The earth feared, and was still,
9. When God arose to judgment,
To save all the afflicted of the land.
10. Surely the wrath of men shall turn to Thy
praise,
And the residue of their wrath shall be Thy
glory.
11. Pay your vows to the Lord your God ;
Let all around Him bring tribute to the terrible
One.
12. He loppeth short the passion of princes,
And is terrible unto the kings of the earth.

PSALM 77

God the Unchangeable.

1. I cry unto God with my voice ;
Unto God I cry, and He will hearken to me.
2. In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord ; my
tears pour down in the night, and cease not ;
My soul refuseth comfort.
3. I think upon God, and am troubled ;
I muse in prayer, and my spirit fainteth.
4. Thou holdest mine eyes from sleep ;
I am troubled, and cannot speak.
5. I ponder the days of old,
The years of ancient times.
6. In the night I remember my song ;
I commune with my heart, and my spirit maketh
diligent search :—
7. “ Will the Lord cast off for ever ?
“ Will He no more shew favour ?
8. “ Is His kindness clean gone for ever ?
“ Hath His promise failed for all generations ?
9. “ Hath God forgotten to be gracious ?
“ Hath He in anger shut up His compassions ? ”
10. Then I said, “ This is mine infirmity :
“ Hath the right hand of the Most High changed ?
11. “ I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord,
“ And remember Thy wonders of old.
12. “ I will meditate upon all Thy work,
“ And muse upon Thy doings.”

13. Thy way, O God, is in holiness :
Who is so great a God as our God ?
14. Thou art the God that worketh wonders ;
Thou madest known Thy strength among the
nations.
15. Thou didst with Thine arm redeem Thy
people,
The sons of Jacob and Joseph.
16. The waters saw Thee, O God ; the waters saw
Thee, and feared ;
Yea, the deeps trembled.
17. The clouds poured forth water ; the skies uttered
their voice ;
And Thine arrows went abroad.
18. The voice of Thy thunder was in the whirlwind ;
the lightnings illumined the world ;
The earth quivered and quaked.
19. Thy way was in the sea, and Thy path through
great waters,
And Thy footprints left no trace.
20. Thou leddest Thy people like a flock,
By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

DAY 15

EVENING PRAYER

PSALM 78

The Divine Providence in History.

1. Give ear, O my people, to my teaching ;
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2. I will open my lips with lessons of wisdom ;
I will show what lies hid in the tale of old time.
3. That which we have heard and known, and our
fathers have told us,
We will not hide from their children ;
4. But will tell to the generation to come the praises
of the Lord,
His might, and the wonders that He wrought.
5. For He established a statute in Jacob, and
appointed a law in Israel,
Which He commanded our fathers to make known
to their children ;
6. To the end that the generation to come might
know, the children yet to be born,
Who should arise and tell to their children the
same :
7. That they might put their trust in God,
And not forget the works of God, but keep His
commandments :
8. And should not be like their fathers, a stubborn
and rebellious generation ;
A generation that set not their heart aright, and
whose spirit was not faithful unto God.
9. As warriors armed with the bow, who turn their
backs in the day of battle,
They kept not the covenant of God, and refused
to walk in His law :
10. But forgot His doings,
And the wonders which He had shewed them.

11. Marvellous things did He in the sight of their
fathers,
In Egypt, in the land of Zoan.
12. He clave the sea, and let them go through:
He made the waters to stand like a wall.
13. In the daytime He led them by the cloud,
And all the night by the light of fire.
14. He clave rocks in the wilderness,
And gave them drink, as from the great deeps:
15. Yea, He brought streams out of the cliff,
And made water to run down like a river.
16. Yet they continued to sin against Him,
Rebelling against the Most High in the wilderness.
17. They made trial of God in their hearts,
Demanding food for their desire:
18. Yea, they spake against God, saying,
“ Can God furnish a table in the wilderness ?
19. “ He smote the rock indeed, that waters gushed
out and streams flowed forth:
“ But can He give bread also, or provide flesh
for His people ? ”
20. Therefore the Lord, when He heard, was wroth,
And fire was kindled against Jacob and anger
smoked against Israel:
21. Because they believed not in God,
Nor trusted in His saving power.
22. Yet He commanded the clouds above,
And opened the doors of heaven:

23. And He rained upon them manna to eat,
And gave them grain of heaven.
24. Man did eat the bread of angels;
He sent them victual to the full.
25. He led forth the east wind in the heaven,
And by His power He guided the south wind;
26. And He rained flesh upon them as dust;
And flying fowl as the sand of the sea:
27. He let it fall within their camp,
Round about their habitations.
28. So they did eat and were well filled,
For He gave them that after which they lusted.
29. But while the meat was yet in their mouths,
Ere they were cloyed with their desire,
30. The anger of God went up against them,
And slew the stoutest of them, and smote down
the chosen youth of Israel.
31. Yet despite this they sinned again,
And believed not His wondrous works:
32. So He made their days to vanish as a breath,
And their years by sudden terror.
33. When He slew them, then they would inquire
after Him,
And turn them back, and seek God earnestly:
34. And they would remember that He was their
Rock,
The Most High God their Redeemer.
35. But they did but speak Him fair with their mouth,
And lie unto Him with their tongue:

36. For their heart was not stedfast with Him,
Nor were they faithful to His covenant.
37. But He, being compassionate, forgiveth iniquity,
And destroyeth not.
38. Yea, many a time taketh He His anger back,
And doth not stir up all His wrath.
39. So He bethought Him that they were but flesh,
A breath that passeth and cometh not again.
40. Oft-times did they rebel against Him in the
wilderness,
And grieve Him in the desert.
41. And still again they put God to the proof,
And provoked the Holy One of Israel.
42. They remembered not His hand,
Nor the day when He ransomed them from
the adversary :
43. How He had wrought His signs in Egypt,
And His wonders in the land of Zoan :
44. How He turned their rivers into blood,
So that they could not drink thereof :
45. How He sent among them flies which devoured
them,
And frogs which destroyed them :
46. How He gave their produce to the caterpillar,
And the fruit of their labour to the locust :
47. How He smote their vines with hail,
And their sycamores with frost :
48. How He delivered their cattle to the murrain,
And their herds to the plague.

49. He let loose upon them the fierceness of His anger,
Wrath, indignation, and trouble—a band of
destroying angels.
50. He levelled a path for His anger, and spared not
their soul from death,
But gave their life over to the pestilence;
51. And smote all the first-born in Egypt,
The first-fruits of their strength in the tents of
Ham.
52. But His own people He led forth like sheep,
And guided them in the wilderness like a flock.
53. He led them safely, so that they feared not;
But the sea overwhelmed their enemies.
54. And He brought them to His sacred border,
To the mountain-land which His right hand had
gotten.
55. He drove out the nations also before them, meting
out their land for a heritage,
And gave their tents as dwellings for the tribes
of Israel.
56. But they put to the proof and defied the Most
High God,
And did not obey His ordinances:
57. But revolted, and were faithless like their fathers,
Swerving like a treacherous bow.
58. For they moved Him to anger with their idol-
worship,
And provoked His jealousy with their graven
images.

59. And God, when He heard, was wroth,
And utterly rejected Israel :
60. So that He forsook the sanctuary in Shiloh,
The tent which He had pitched among men :
61. And delivered His ark into captivity,
The shrine of His glory into the enemy's hand.
62. He gave His people also over to the sword,
And was wroth with His inheritance.
63. Fire devoured their young men,
And their maidens were without bridal song :
64. Their priests fell by the sword,
And their widows made no lamentation.
65. Then the Lord awaked, as from sleep ;
With a shout, like a warrior heartened by wine :
66. And He drove His adversaries backward,
And put them to a perpetual shame.
67. And He rejected the tent of Joseph,
And chose not the tribe of Ephraim ;
68. But chose the tribe of Judah,
Mount Sion which He loveth.
69. And He built His sanctuary high as the heaven,
And firm as the earth which He made fast for
ever.
70. He chose David also His servant,
And took him from the sheepfolds ;
71. From following the ewes with their lambs He
brought him,
To shepherd Jacob His people and Israel His
inheritance.

72. So he fed them after the integrity of his heart,
And guided them with skilful hand.

DAY 16

MORNING PRAYER

PSALM 79

The Desecration of the Holy City.

1. O God, the heathen are come into Thine inheritance;
Thy holy temple have they defiled, and laid
Jerusalem in ruins.
2. The dead bodies of Thy servants have they given
to be food for the fowls of heaven,
The flesh of Thy loved ones for the beasts of
the earth.
3. Their blood have they poured like water round
about Jerusalem,
And there was no man to bury them.
4. We are become a by-word to our neighbours,
A scorn and derision to them that are round
about us.
5. O Lord, how long wilt Thou be angry?
Shall Thy jealousy burn like fire for ever?
6. Pour out Thy wrath upon the nations that know
Thee not;
Upon the kingdoms that call not upon Thy
Name;
7. For they have devoured Jacob,
And laid waste his habitation.

8. Remember not against us the sins of our fathers ;
Let Thy tender mercies come to meet us, for
we are brought very low.
9. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory
of Thy Name ;
Deliver us, and forgive our sins for Thy Name's
sake.
10. Wherefore should the heathen say,
“ Where now is their God ? ”
11. Let vengeance for the blood of Thy servants
that hath been spilt
Be wreaked upon the nations before our eyes.
12. Let the sighing of the captive come before Thee ;
By the might of Thine arm reprieve Thou the
sons of death :
13. And repay to our neighbours seven-fold into their
bosom
The reproach wherewith they have reproached
Thee, O Lord.
14. So we, Thy people, the flock of Thy pasture,
will give Thee thanks for ever ;
And will shew forth Thy praise unto all generations.

PSALM 80

A Prayer to the Shepherd of Israel.

1. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, Thou that leddest
Joseph like a flock ;
Shine forth, Thou that art throned upon the
Cherubim.

2. At the head of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
Come in Thy might to save us.
3. *Restore us again, O God ;*
Let Thy face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
4. O Lord God of hosts,
How long will Thy wrath smoke against the
prayer of Thy people ?
5. Thou hast fed us with bread of tears,
And given us full measure of tears to drink.
6. Thou sufferest our neighbours to shake the head
at us,
And our enemies mock at their pleasure.
7. *Restore us again, O God of hosts ;*
Let Thy face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
8. Thou didst move a vine out of Egypt :
Thou didst drive out the nations, and plant it.
9. Thou clearedst the ground before it,
And it took deep root, and filled the land.
10. The hills were covered with its shadow,
And its boughs were like goodly cedars :
11. It sent forth its branches to the sea,
And its shoots to the Great River.
12. Why hast Thou broken down its fences,
So that all who pass by plunder it ?
13. The boar out of the wood doth ravage it,
And the beasts of the plain devour it.

14. Turn Thee again, O God of hosts;
Look down from heaven, behold, and visit this
vine:—
15. The stock which Thy right hand planted,
And the branch which Thou madest strong for
Thyself—
16. It is cut down, and burnt with fire;
We perish at the rebuke of Thy countenance.
17. Let Thy hand help the man of Thy right hand,
The son of man, whom Thou madest strong for
Thyself.
18. So will we not fall away from Thee:
Revive us, and we will call upon Thy Name.
19. *Restore us again, O Lord God of hosts ;
Let Thy face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.*

PSALM 81

A Song of Praise.

1. Sing aloud unto God our Strength;
Shout for joy to the God of Jacob.
2. Raise a psalm, and sound the timbrel,
The sweet harp with the lute.
3. Blow the horn at the new moon,
And at the full moon, on our feast-day:
4. For this is a statute for Israel,
An ordinance of the God of Jacob.

5. He appointed it in Joseph for a memorial, when
he went forth from the land of Egypt,
And heard the speech of One whom he had not
known:—
6. “ I eased thy shoulder from the burden,
“ And thy hands were freed from toiling with
the basket.
7. “ Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee;
“ I answered thee in the secret place of thunder;
8. “ I put thee to the proof
“ At the waters of Meribah.
9. ‘ Hear, O My people, and I will protest
unto thee;
‘ O Israel, if thou wouldst hearken to Me !
10. ‘ There shall no alien god be in thee,
‘ Neither shalt thou worship a foreign
god.
11. ‘ I am the Lord thy God, who brought
thee out of the land of Egypt:
‘ Open wide thy mouth, and I will fill it.’
12. “ But My people hearkened not to My voice,
“ And Israel would none of Me.
13. “ So I gave them up to the stubbornness of their
heart,
“ That they might follow their own devices.
14. “ O that My people had hearkened to Me,
“ That Israel would walk in My ways!
15. “ I should soon subdue their enemies,
“ And turn My hand against their adversaries,

16. "The haters of the Lord should submit themselves
to them,
"That so their time might endure for ever.
17. "I would feed them also with the finest of the
wheat,
"And with honey from the rock would I satisfy
them."

DAY 16

EVENING PRAYER

PSALM 82

The Supreme Judge and the Unrighteous Judges.

1. God taketh His stand in His assembly:
In the midst of the judges He is Judge.
2. "How long will ye judge unrighteously,
"And respect the person of the wicked?
3. "Redress the wrongs of the weak and fatherless;
"Do justice to the poor and destitute.
4. "Rescue the weak and needy;
"Deliver them from the hand of the wicked.
5. "Ye know not, and ye will not get understanding;
ye walk in darkness;
"All the foundations of the earth are shaken.
6. "I myself said, 'Ye are gods;
" 'And all of you sons of the Most High.'
7. "Nevertheless, ye shall die like common folk,
"And fall like other princes."

8. Arise, O God, and judge the earth;
For all the nations are Thy heritage.

PSALM 83

A Prayer for Judgment on the Enemy.

1. O God, keep not Thou silence;
Hold not Thy peace, neither be still, O God.
2. For lo, Thine enemies are in tumult,
And they that hate Thee lift up the head.
3. They take crafty counsel against Thy people,
And conspire against Thy treasured ones.
4. "Come," say they, "let us cut them off from
being a nation,
"That the name of Israel may be no more
remembered."
5. For they have conspired together with one accord;
Against Thee they are confederate:
6. Nomad Edom, and the Ishmaelites,
Moab, and the Hagarenes;
7. Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek,
Philistia, with the dwellers in Tyre;
8. Assyria also is joined with them,
And hath lent an arm to the children of Lot.
9. Do unto them, as Thou didst to the Midianites,
As to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the torrent of Kishon;
10. Who perished at Endor,
And became dung for the earth.

11. Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeëb,
And all their princes like Zebah and Salmunna ;
12. Because they say, " Let us take to ourselves
" The pastures of God as our possession."
13. O my God, make them like whirling dust,
Like chaff before the wind.
14. As fire that burneth a forest,
And flame that setteth hills ablaze,
15. So pursue them with Thy whirlwind,
And dismay them with Thy storm.
16. Fill their faces with confusion,
That they may seek Thy Name, O Lord.
17. Let them be shamed and dismayed for ever ;
Yea, let them be abashed and perish :
18. That they may know that Thou alone, whose
Name is the Lord,
Art the Most High over all the earth.

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PSALM 84

The House of God.

1. How dear is Thy habitation,
O Lord of hosts !
2. My soul longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of
the Lord ;
My heart and my flesh sing aloud to the living God.
3. The sparrow findeth a home, and the swallow
a nest, where she may keep her young ;
So would I find a home by Thine altars, O Lord
of hosts, my King and my God.

4. Happy they that dwell in Thy house ;
They can be praising Thee all the day.
5. Happy they also whose strength is in Thee,
Whose thoughts turn fondly to the pilgrims'
way :
6. For whom, as they pass through the dry vale of
dearth, springs break forth,
And the early rain clotheth it with blessings.
7. Refreshed and strengthened they go on their
way,
And worship God on Sion.

8. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer ;
Give ear, O God of Jacob.
9. Behold our shield, O God,
And look upon the face of Thine anointed.
10. Better is one day in Thy courts
Than elsewhere a thousand.
11. I had rather stand at the threshold in the house
of my God
Than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
12. For the Lord loveth kindness and truth ;
The Lord will give grace and glory ;
13. No good thing will He withhold
From them that walk uprightly.
14. O Lord of hosts,
Happy the man that trusteth in Thee.

PSALM 85

A Vision of the Reign of Love and Righteousness.

1. Lord, Thou hadst become gracious unto Thy land,
Thou hadst turned again the fortunes of Jacob :
2. Thou hadst forgiven the transgressions of Thy
people,
And covered all their sin :
3. Thou hadst drawn in all Thine anger,
And turned Thee from the fierceness of Thy
wrath.
4. Turn Thee to us again, O God our Help,
And cease Thine indignation with us.
5. Wilt Thou be wrathful with us for ever ?
Wilt Thou draw out Thine anger to all genera-
tions ?
6. Wilt Thou not turn and quicken us,
That Thy people may rejoice in Thee ?
7. Shew us Thy kindness, O Lord,
And grant us Thy salvation.
8. Let me hear what God the Lord will say ;
For He will speak peace unto His people, His
loved ones who turn their hearts to Him.
9. Verily His saving help is nigh to them that fear
Him,
That His glory may dwell in our land.
10. Kindness and truth are met together,
Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
11. Truth springeth from the earth,
And kindness looketh down from heaven.

12. Yea, the Lord giveth prosperity,
And our land yieldeth her increase.
13. Righteousness goeth before Him,
And peace followeth in the prints of His feet.

DAY 17

MORNING PRAYER

PSALM 86

A Prayer of Personal Devotion.

1. Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, and hear me,
For I am poor and in need.
2. Preserve my life, for I am dear unto Thee;
My God, save Thy servant that putteth his trust
in Thee.
3. Be gracious unto me, O Lord,
For all the day long I cry unto Thee.
4. Make glad the soul of Thy servant,
For unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
5. Yea, Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to pardon,
And rich in kindness to all that call upon Thee.
6. Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer,
And hearken to the voice of my supplication.
7. In the day of my trouble I call upon Thee,
For Thou dost answer me.

8. Among the gods there is none like unto Thee, O
Lord,
Neither are any works like Thine.

9. All nations whom Thou hast made shall come
and worship Thee, O Lord,
And shall glorify Thy Name.
10. For Thou art great, and doest wondrous things;
Thou art God alone.
11. Teach me Thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in
Thy truth;
Let my heart rejoice in fearing Thy Name.
12. I will praise Thee, O Lord my God, with my whole
heart,
And will glorify Thy Name for ever.
13. For great is Thy kindness toward me;
Thou hast delivered my life from the pit of the
grave.
14. O God, the proud are risen against me,
And a company of the violent have sought my
life, and set not Thee before their eyes.
15. But Thou, O Lord, art a God compassionate and
gracious,
Long suffering, and rich in kindness and truth.
16. O turn Thee to me, and be gracious unto
me;
Give Thy strength to Thy servant, and save the
son of Thy handmaid.
17. Shew me a token of Thy favour, that they who
hate me may be shamed,
When they see that Thou, Lord, hast holpen
and comforted me.

PSALM 87

A Vision of the Inclusion of All Nations in the Kingdom of God.

1. His foundation is upon the holy hills:
The Lord loveth the gates of Sion more than all
the dwellings of Jacob.
2. Glorious things are spoken of thee,
O City of God.
3. "Egypt and Babylon will I name," saith God,
"as them that know Me;
"Philistia, and Tyre, and Ethiopia; lo, in Sion
were they born."
4. Yea, of Sion it shall be said, "These and these
were born in her";
And the Most High establisheth her.
5. The Lord shall reckon, when He writeth the
roll of the nations,
"This one was born there."
6. Singers and dancers shall swell the anthem,
"All, all are sprung from thee."

PSALM 88

A Soul in Deep Waters.

1. O Lord, Thou God of my salvation,
Day and night I cry before Thee;

2. Let my prayer enter into Thy presence;
Incline Thine ear to my complaint:
3. For my soul is full of heaviness,
And my life draweth nigh to the grave.
4. I am counted with them that go down to the pit;
I am as a man that hath no strength.
5. My soul is among the dead, like the slain that
lie in the grave,
Whom Thou rememberest no more, who are cut
off from Thy hand.
6. Thou hast laid me in the nether pit,
In dark places, in the depths.
7. Thy wrath lieth heavy upon me,
And Thou hast afflicted me with all Thy billows.
8. Thou hast put my friends far from me,
And made me an abomination to them.
9. I am prisoned, and cannot go forth;
Mine eye wasteth with misery.
10. Lord, I have called daily upon Thee,
And spread forth my hands unto Thee.
11. Wilt Thou work wonders for the dead?
Shall the shades rise and praise Thee?
12. Shall Thy kindness be told in the grave,
Thy faithfulness in the place of destruction?
13. Shall Thy wonders be known in the dark,
And Thy righteousness in the land of oblivion?
14. But I—I cry unto Thee, O Lord,
And in the morning my prayer meeteth Thee.
15. Lord, why rejectest Thou my soul?
Why hidest Thou Thy face from me?

16. I am afflicted, and at the point to die :
From my youth I have borne Thy terrors, and
my spirit faileth.
17. Thy fierce wrath hath surged over me ;
Thy terrors have undone me.
18. They come about me like water all the day long ;
They compass me on every side.
19. Lover and friend Thou hast put away from me :
Mine only companion is darkness.

DAY 17

EVENING PRAYER

PSALM 89

The Promises of God and the Mystery of their Abeyance.

1. I will sing for ever of Thy kindnesses, O Lord ;
Thy faithfulness will I proclaim unto all genera-
tions.
2. For Thou saidst, " Kindness shall be built up
for ever ;
" In the heavens shall My faithfulness be estab-
lished.
3. " I have made a covenant with My chosen,
" I have sworn unto David My servant :—
4. " " Thy seed will I stablish for ever,
" " And build thy house unto all generations. " "
5. The heavens, O Lord, praise Thy wondrous
nature,
And Thy faithfulness in the assembly of the
angels.

6. For who in the skies can be compared to the
Lord ?
Who is like to the Lord among the sons of
God ?
7. He is a God very terrible in the council of the
angels,
To be revered above all that are round about
Him.
8. O Lord God of hosts, who is mighty as Thou ?
And Thy faithfulness is round about Thee.
9. Thou rulest the proud swelling of the sea ;
When its waves arise, Thou stillest them.
10. Thou didst crush Egypt as one that is slain ;
Thou didst scatter Thy foes with Thine arm of
strength.
11. The heavens are Thine, and the earth is Thine ;
The world in its fulness Thou didst found.
12. The North and the South Thou didst create ;
Tabor and Hermon rejoice in Thy Name.
13. Thine arm is an arm of power ;
Strong is Thy hand, and triumphant Thy right
hand.
14. Righteousness and justice are the pillars of Thy
throne ;
Kindness and truth stand ever before Thee.
15. Happy the people that know the festival song,
That walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy counten-
ance.
16. In Thy Name they rejoice all the day long,
And in Thy righteousness they are exalted.

17. For Thou art the glory of our strength,
And by Thy favour our horn is exalted.
18. For the king, our shield, belongeth to the Lord;
Yea, he belongeth to the Holy One of Israel.
19. Once Thou spakest in vision to Thy beloved, and
saidst:—
“ I have laid power to help on one that is mighty;
I have exalted one chosen from the people:
20. “ I have found David My servant;
“ With My holy oil have I anointed him.
21. “ My hand shall hold him fast,
“ And Mine arm shall make him strong.
22. “ No enemy shall come treacherously upon him;
“ No son of wickedness shall afflict him.
23. “ But I will beat down his foes before his face,
“ And smite them that hate him.
24. “ My faithfulness and kindness shall be with
him,
“ And through My Name shall his horn be exalted.
25. “ I will make his hand to reach to the sea,
“ And his right hand to the Great River.
26. “ He shall cry to Me, ‘ Thou art my Father,
“ ‘ My God, the Rock of my salvation.’
27. “ And I will appoint him My first-born,
“ The highest of the kings of earth.
28. “ My kindness shall be with him for evermore,
“ And My covenant shall stand faithful to him.
29. “ His seed also will I stablish for ever,
“ And his throne as the days of heaven.

30. " If his sons forsake My law,
 " And walk not in Mine ordinances ;
31. " If they profane My statutes,
 " And keep not My commandments ;
32. " I will visit their transgression with a rod,
 " And their iniquity with stripes :
33. " But My kindness will I not take from him,
 " Nor belie My faithfulness :
34. " My covenant I will not profane,
 " Nor alter the word that is gone forth from My
 lips :
35. " Once for all have I sworn by My holiness,
 " I will not be false to David.
36. " His seed shall endure for ever,
 " And his throne as the sun before Me.
37. " He shall be established for ever as the moon :
 " The Witness in the heaven is faithful."
38. Yet Thou hast cast off and rejected Thine
 anointed,
 And hast been wroth with him.
39. Thou hast spurned the covenant of Thy
 servant,
 And profaned his crown to the dust :
40. Thou hast broken down all his walls,
 And laid his strongholds in ruins.
41. All that pass by spoil him ;
 He is become a reproach to his neighbours.
42. Thou hast exalted the right hand of his foes,
 And made all his enemies to triumph.

43. Thou hast suffered his sword to give place,
Nor made him to stand in the battle.
44. Thou hast quenched his lustre,
And cast his crown to the ground.
45. Thou hast shortened the days of his youth,
And covered him with dishonour.
46. O Lord, how long? Wilt Thou hide Thyself
for ever?
How long shall Thy wrath burn like fire?
47. O bethink Thee what life is;
For what nothingness Thou hast created the
children of men.
48. Where is the man that hath lived and not seen
death;
That hath delivered his life from the power of
the grave?
49. Lord, where are Thy former deeds of kindness,
Which Thou swarest to David in Thy faithful-
ness?
50. Remember, O Lord, the insults to Thy servants,
How I bear in my bosom the taunts of many
peoples;
51. Wherewith Thine enemies insult, O Lord,
Wherewith they insult the footsteps of Thine
anointed.

**BLESSED BE THE LORD FOR EVERMORE.
AMEN AND AMEN.**

FOURTH BOOK

DAY 18

MORNING PRAYER

PSALM 90

*The Transitoriness of Man's Life and his Dependence
on the Eternal God.*

1. Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling-place
From one generation to another.
2. Before the mountains were born, before the earth
and the world were brought forth,
From everlasting to everlasting art Thou, O God.
3. Thou turnest man to dust,
Saying, "Return, ye sons of the earth-born."
4. For a thousand years are in Thy sight as yesterday
when it passeth;
As an hour in the night Thou sleepest them
away.
5. As grass in the morning shooteth up and groweth,
But in the evening is mown and withereth,
6. So are we consumed through Thine anger,
And dismayed through Thy wrath.
7. Thou settest our iniquities before Thee,
Our secret sins in the sunlight of Thy face.

8. For our days draw to a close in Thy wrath;
We bring our years to an end as a sigh that
passeth.
9. The years of our age are threescore and ten;
Or, by reason of strength, fourscore:
10. Yet is their pride but travail and disappointment:
So swiftly is it gone, and we take our flight.
11. Who knoweth the power of Thine anger,
Or feareth aright Thine indignation?
12. Therefore teach us to number our days,
That we may garner a heart of wisdom.
13. O Lord, how long? Turn Thee from Thy wrath,
And relent concerning Thy servants.
14. Satisfy us in the morning with Thy kindness,
That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
15. Comfort us according to the days Thou hast
afflicted us,
And the years wherein we have seen adversity.
16. Shew Thy servants Thy work,
And their children Thy majesty.
17. And let the favour of the Lord our God be upon
us; establish the work of our hands upon us;
Yea, establish Thou the work of our hands.

PSALM 91

Peace and Safety for them who Trust in God.

1. He that dwelleth in the covert of the Most High,
And abideth under the shadow of the Almighty,

2. Will say of the Lord, " My Refuge and Fortress,
" My God, in whom is my trust."
3. Surely He shall deliver from the snare of the
fowler,
And from the malice of the slanderer.
4. He shall cover thee with His pinions, and under
His wings shalt thou shelter ;
His faithfulness shall be thy shield and buckler.
5. Thou shalt not be afraid for terror of the night,
Nor for the arrow that flieth by day ;
6. For the plague that walketh in darkness,
Nor for the pestilence that wasteth at noonday.
7. A thousand may fall at thy side, and ten thou-
sand at thy right hand,
But it shall not come nigh thee.
8. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see
The recompense of the wicked.
9. Because thou hast made the Lord thy refuge,
And the Most High thy dwelling-place,
10. There shall no evil happen to thee,
Nor shall calamity come near thy tent.
11. For He shall give His angels charge concerning
thee,
To keep thee in all thy ways ;
12. They shall bear thee upon their hands,
That thou strike not thy foot against a stone.
13. Thou shalt tread upon serpent and adder ;
Young lion and dragon shalt thou trample under-
foot.

14. " Because he hath set his love upon Me, I, the
Lord, will deliver him ;
" I will set him in safety, because he knoweth
My Name.
15. " When he calleth upon Me, I will answer ; I
will be with him in trouble ;
" I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.
16. " With length of days will I satisfy him,
" And shew him My salvation."

DAY 18

EVENING PRAYER

PSALM 92

A Hymn to the Righteous Ruler of the World.

1. It is good to give thanks unto the Lord ;
To sing, O Most High, to Thy Name ;
2. To shew forth Thy kindness in the morning,
And Thy faithfulness every night ;
3. With ten-stringed lute and with lyre,
With meditation upon the harp.
4. For Thou, Lord, hast made me glad through
Thy work,
And I will rejoice in the doings of Thy hands.
5. How great, O Lord, are Thy doings !
Thy thoughts are exceeding deep.
6. A brutish man discerneth not,
Neither doth a dullard understand,
7. That when the wicked sprout as the grass, and
the workers of iniquity flourish,
It is that they may be destroyed for ever :

8. Since Thou, Lord, sittest in heaven,
Enthroned for evermore.
9. For lo, Thine enemies, O Lord, Thine enemies
shall perish,
And all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.
10. But my horn Thou hast exalted like the horn of
an ox;
I am anointed with fresh oil.
11. Mine eye hath seen its desire upon my watchful
foes,
And mine ear hath heard its desire upon the
wicked that assailed me.
12. The righteous shall flourish like palms;
They shall wax tall as cedars of Lebanon:
13. Planted in the house of the Lord,
They shall flourish in the courts of our God.
14. They shall still bear fruit in hoar age;
They shall be full of sap and leaf;
15. To bear witness that the Lord is just;
My Rock, in whom is no unrighteousness.

PSALM 93

The Sovereignty of God.

1. The Lord hath taken His throne; He hath robed
Himself with majesty;
The Lord hath robed Himself, and girded Him
with strength.

2. The world He hath established,
That it cannot be moved.
3. Thy throne is established from of old ;
Thou art from everlasting.
4. The streams, O Lord, lift up, the streams lift up
their voice,
The streams lift up their din.
5. More than the thunder of many waters, mighty
above the breakers of the sea,
The Lord on high is mighty.
6. Thine ordinances, O Lord, are very sure ;
Holiness becometh Thy house for ever.

PSALM 94

Faith in the Ultimate Triumph of Righteousness.

1. O Lord, Thou God of vengeance,
Shine forth, Thou God of vengeance.
2. Arise, Thou Judge of the earth,
And requite the proud with their deserts.
3. Lord, how long shall the wicked,
How long shall the wicked triumph ?
4. How long shall they pour forth arrogant words,
And the workers of iniquity speak boastfully ?
5. They grind Thy people, O Lord,
And afflict Thy heritage.
6. They slay the widow and the stranger,
And put the fatherless to death.
7. And they say, " The Lord hath not seen,
" Neither doth the God of Jacob regard."

8. Consider, ye brutish among the people;
Ye dullards, when will ye understand?
9. He that planted the ear, shall He not hear?
Or He that formed the eye, shall He not see?
10. He that admonisheth the nations, shall He not punish?
He that teacheth man, shall He not know?
11. The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man,
That they are but vanity.
12. Happy the man whom Thou admonishest, O
Lord,
And teachest out of Thy law;
13. To give him rest from days of evil,
Until a pit be digged for the wicked.
14. For the Lord will not cast off His people,
Nor forsake His inheritance;
15. But judgment shall again be linked to righteousness;
And the upright in heart shall support it.
16. Who will be my champion against reprobates,
And stand at my side against evil-doers?
17. Unless the Lord had been my Help,
My soul had soon dwelt in the land of silence.
18. But when I said, "My foot slippeth,"
Thy kindness, O Lord, upheld me.
19. When anxious thoughts crowded upon me,
Thy comforts cheered my soul.

20. Can the judgment-seat of corruption, that fram-
eth wrong by statute,
Have fellowship, Lord, with Thee ?
21. They gather in bands against the life of the
righteous,
And condemn the innocent to death.
22. But the Lord is my Sure Retreat,
And my God my Rock, my Refuge.
23. He shall make their iniquity to recoil upon them,
and shall destroy them in their malice ;
Yea, the Lord our God shall destroy them.

[PSALM 95]

A Call to Worship.

- [1. O come, let us sing unto the Lord,
Let us shout to the Rock of our salvation.
2. Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
And shout unto Him with psalms.
3. For the Lord is a great God,
A great King above all gods.
4. In His hand are the deep places of the earth,
And the peaks of the hills are His.
5. The sea is His, for He made it ;
And the land, which His hands did form.
6. O come, let us worship and bow down ;
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.
7. For He is our God,
And we are the people of His pasture and the
sheep of His hand.

8. O that to-day ye would hear His voice !
“ Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on
the day of Massah in the wilderness :
9. “ When your fathers put Me to the proof ;
“ When they tested Me, though they had seen
My works.
10. “ Forty years did I loathe that generation, and
said,
“ ‘ They are a people that go astray in their heart,
and do not know My ways.’
11. “ Wherefore I sware in my wrath
“ That they should not enter My land of rest.”]

DAY 19

MORNING PRAYER

PSALM 96

A Call to Praise.

1. Sing unto the Lord a new song,
Sing unto the Lord, all the earth :
2. Sing unto the Lord, and bless His Name,
Proclaim His victory from day to day.
3. Tell out His glory among the nations,
His wondrous works among all peoples.
4. For the Lord is great, and highly to be praised ;
He is to be feared above all gods.
5. For all the gods of the nations are things of
nought,
But the Lord made the heavens.

6. Honour and majesty wait upon Him,
Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.
7. Ascribe unto the Lord, ye families of the peoples,
Ascribe unto the Lord glory and strength.
8. Ascribe unto the Lord the glory of His Name;
Bring offerings, and come into His courts.
9. Worship the Lord in holy vestments;
Tremble before Him, all the earth.
10. Tell it out among the nations that the Lord doth
reign;
He hath established the world that it be not
moved.
11. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be
glad;
Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.
12. Let the plain exult, and all that is in it;
Let the trees of the forest sing before the Lord.
13. For He cometh, He cometh to judge the earth:
He will judge the world with righteousness, and
with faithfulness the peoples.

PSALM 97

The Sovereignty of God.

1. The Lord hath taken His throne: let the earth
rejoice;
Let all the isles be glad.

2. Clouds and darkness are round about Him ;
Righteousness and justice are the pillars of His
throne.
3. Fire goeth before Him,
And devoureth His enemies round about.
4. His lightnings illumine the world ;
The earth seeth and quaketh.
5. The hills melt like wax at the presence of the
Lord,
At the presence of the Lord of all the earth.
6. The heavens proclaim His righteousness,
And all the peoples see His glory.
7. Ashamed be they that serve graven images, that
boast themselves of idols !
Worship Him, all ye gods.
8. Sion heard and was glad, and the cities of Judah
rejoiced,
Because of Thy judgments, O Lord.
9. For Thou, Lord, art most high above all the earth ;
Thou art exalted far above all gods.
10. O ye who love the Lord, hate evil :
He preserveth the souls of His loved ones, and
saveth them from the hand of the wicked.
11. Light shineth forth for the righteous,
And gladness for the upright in heart.
12. Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous,
And praise His holy Name.

PSALM 98

Praise God the Giver of Victory.

1. Sing unto the Lord a new song, for He hath
done marvellous things:
His right hand and His holy arm have gotten
Him the victory.
2. The Lord hath made known His saving power ;
He hath revealed His righteousness in the sight
of the nations.
3. He hath remembered His kindness and faithful-
ness to the house of Israel ;
The furthest bounds of earth have seen the saving
help of our God.
4. Shout to the Lord, all the earth ;
Break forth, and sing for gladness.
5. Sing unto the Lord with harp,
With harp and with voice of melody ;
6. With trumpet and sound of cornet,
Shout ye before the Lord the King.
7. Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof ;
The world, and they that dwell therein.
8. Let the streams clap the hand,
Let the hills sing for joy before the Lord :
9. For He cometh to judge the earth :
With righteousness will He judge the world and
the peoples with equity.

PSALM 99

Praise God for His Holiness.

1. The Lord hath taken His throne ; let the peoples tremble ;
He sitteth above the cherubim ; the earth quaketh.
2. The Lord is great in Sion,
And high above all the peoples.
3. Let them praise His great and awful Name :
For He is holy.
4. The Great King loveth justice ; He hath established equity ;
He executeth justice and righteousness in Jacob.
5. Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool :
For He is holy.
6. Moses and Aaron among His priests, and Samuel among them that called upon His name—
These called upon the Lord, and He answered them.
7. He spake to them in the pillar of cloud ;
They kept His ordinances and the law that He gave them.
8. Thou didst answer them, O Lord our God ;
A forgiving God Thou wast to them, though Thou didst punish their misdoings.
9. Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at His holy hill :
For the Lord our God is holy.

PSALM 100

A Call to all the World to Worship God.

1. Shout unto the Lord, all the earth;
Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before
Him with a song.
2. Know ye that the Lord is God; He made us,
and we are His,
His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
3. Enter His gates with a thank-offering, His courts
with a song of praise;
Give thanks unto Him, and bless His Name.
4. For the Lord is gracious; His kindness is for
ever;
And His faithfulness unto all generations.

PSALM 101

The Resolve of a Righteous Ruler.

1. My song shall be of kindness and justice;
Unto Thee, Lord, will I sing.
2. I will give heed to the way of righteousness:
O when wilt Thou come unto me?
3. I will walk in my house with an upright heart;
I will take no base matter in hand.
4. Faithless dealing I hate;
Such shall not cleave to me.
5. A proud heart shall depart from me;
I will not know evil.

6. Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour,
Him will I cut off.
7. Whoso hath proud eyes and a swollen heart,
Him I will not suffer.
8. Mine eyes are upon the faithful in the land,
That they may dwell with me.
9. Whoso walketh uprightly,
He shall minister to me.
10. He that practiseth guile shall not dwell in my
house;
He that speaketh falsehood shall not stand in
my presence.
11. Morning by morning will I destroy all the wicked
of the land,
That I may cut off them that work iniquity
from the city of the Lord.

DAY 20

MORNING PRAYER

PSALM 102

The Prayer of the Afflicted.

1. Hear my prayer, O Lord,
And let my cry come before Thee.
2. Hide not Thy face in time of my trouble, but
incline Thine ear unto me;
In the day that I call haste Thee to answer me.
3. For my days vanish like smoke,
And my bones burn as a brand.

4. My heart is smitten like grass and withered ;
Yea, I forget to eat my bread.
5. By reason of my groaning
My skin cleaveth to my bones.
6. I am like a pelican of the wilderness, like an
owl of the ruins ;
I keep vigil, like a lonely bird upon the house-
top.
7. Mine enemies taunt me all the day long,
And they that are mad against me curse by my
name.
8. Verily, I eat ashes like bread,
And mingle my drink with tears ;
9. Because of Thine indignation and wrath,
For Thou hast caught me up and flung me away.
10. My days are as a lengthening shadow,
And I wither like grass.
11. But Thou, Lord, sittest enthroned for ever,
And Thy Name shall be remembered unto all
generations.
12. Thou wilt arise, and have compassion on Sion ;
For it is time to have pity upon her ; yea, the
time is come.
13. For dear are her stones to Thy servants,
And it pitieth them to see her in the dust.
14. Then will the nations fear Thy Name, O Lord,
And all the kings of the earth Thy majesty ;
15. When the Lord hath built up Sion,
And shone forth in His glory ;

16. When He hath turned Him to the prayer of the
forsaken,
And not despised their supplication.
17. This shall be written for the generation to come,
And a people to be created shall praise the Lord :
18. When He hath looked down from His holy height,
And out of heaven hath beheld the earth ;
19. To hear the sighing of the captive,
And to loose the sons of death ;
20. That they may declare the Name of the Lord in
Sion,
And His praise in Jerusalem,
21. When the peoples are gathered together,
And the kingdoms to serve the Lord.
22. He hath brought down my strength in the way,
And hath shortened my days.
23. O my God, take me not away in the half of my
days,
Thou, whose years endure throughout all generations.
24. Of old Thou didst lay the foundations of the
earth,
And the heavens are the work of Thy hands :
25. They will perish, but Thou wilt endure ;
They all will wear out like a garment :
26. As a vesture wilt Thou change them, and they
will be changed ;
But Thou art the same, and Thy years have no
end.

27. The children of Thy servants shall abide,
And their seed shall be stablished before Thee.

PSALM 103

God the Compassionate.

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And all that is within me, bless His holy Name.
2. Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits;
3. Who forgiveth all thy trespasses,
And healeth all thy diseases;
4. Who redeemeth thy life from the pit,
And crowneth thee with kindness and compassion;
5. Who satisfieth the days of thine old age with blessings,
Making thee young and lusty as an eagle.
6. The Lord worketh righteously,
And doeth justice to all that are oppressed.
7. He made known His ways unto Moses,
His deeds unto the children of Israel.
8. The Lord is full of compassion and pity,
Slow to anger, and of great kindness.
9. He doth not alway chide,
Nor keep His anger for ever.
10. He doth not deal with us after our sins,
Nor requite us according to our iniquities.

11. For as the heaven is high above the earth,
So is His kindness great to them that fear Him ;
12. As far as the East is from the West,
So far doth He remove our transgressions from us.
13. Like as a father hath compassion on his children,
So hath the Lord compassion on them that fear
Him ;
14. For He knoweth whereof we are made ;
He remembereth that we are but dust.
15. For the days of man are but as grass ;
As a flower of the field he flourisheth ;
16. A breath passeth over him, and he is not ;
And his place knoweth him no more.
17. But the kindness of the Lord is from everlasting
upon them that fear Him,
And His righteousness unto children's children ;
18. Even unto such as keep His covenant,
And remember His precepts to do them.

19. The Lord hath established His throne in heaven,
And His kingdom ruleth over all.
20. Bless the Lord, ye His angels, ye that excel in
strength,
Performing His commands, and hearkening to
the voice of His word.
21. Bless the Lord, ye His hosts,
Ye His servants, that do His pleasure.
22. Bless the Lord, ye His works, in all places of
His dominion ;
Bless the Lord, O my Soul.

PSALM 104

The Manifestation of God in Nature.

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, Thou
art exceeding great;
Thou art clothed with majesty and splendour.
2. Thou wrappest Thyself in light as in a mantle,
And spreadest out the heavens like a curtain.
3. Thou layest the beams of Thy chambers in the
waters,
And makest clouds Thy chariot, and travellest
on the wings of the wind.
4. Thou makest winds Thy messengers,
Fire and flame Thy ministers.
5. Thou didst found the earth upon its bases,
That it might be unmoved for ever.
6. Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a
robe;
The waters stood above the hills.
7. At Thy rebuke they fled,
At the voice of Thy thunder they hasted away.
8. They went up the hills, they went down the val-
leys,
Unto the place which Thou hadst made ready for
them.
9. Thou didst set them a bound which they may not
pass,
Nor return to cover the earth.

10. Thou didst send forth springs into the valleys ;
They flow between the hills.
11. They give drink to every beast of the plain ;
The wild asses quench their thirst.
12. On their banks the birds of the air build their
homes ;
They warble among the branches.
13. Thou waterest the hills from Thy chambers in
the sky ;
The earth is satisfied with the provision that
Thou makest.
14. Thou didst bring forth grass for the cattle,
And herbs for the service of man ;
15. That he might get him food from the earth—
Wine to make glad the heart of man,
16. Oil to make him a cheerful countenance,
And bread to sustain his strength.
17. The forest-trees also drink their fill,
The cedars of Lebanon which Thou hast planted ;
18. Wherein the birds build their nests,
And the firs are a home for the stork.
19. The high hills are a refuge for the goat,
And the rocks for the marmot.
20. Thou didst appoint the moon to mark the
seasons,
And the sun knoweth his setting ;
21. Thou makest darkness, and it is night,
When the beasts of the forest creep forth.

22. The young lions roar after their prey ;
And seek their food from God.
23. The sun riseth, and they get them away,
And lay them down in their dens.
24. Man goeth forth to his work
And to his labour until the evening.
25. O Lord, how manifold are Thy works ! In
wisdom hast Thou made them all ;
The earth is full of Thy riches.
26. Yonder is the sea, vast and wide,
Wherein is a countless swarm, creatures both
small and great.
27. There sail the ships ;
There is Leviathan, whom Thou hast formed to
sport therein.
28. These all wait upon Thee,
That Thou mayst give them their food in its
season.
29. Thou givest to them ; they gather ;
Thou openest Thy hand ; they are satisfied.
30. Thou hidest Thy face ; they are troubled ;
Thou takest away their breath ; they die, and
return again to their dust.
31. Thou sendest forth Thy breath ; they are
created,
And Thou renewest the face of the earth.
32. The glory of the Lord endureth for ever ;
The Lord is glad in His works ;

33. He looketh on the earth, and it quaketh ;
He toucheth the hills, and they smoke.
34. I will sing to the Lord, as long as I live ;
I will praise my God, while I have my being.
35. Pleasing be my meditation to Him ;
My joy is in the Lord.
36. Let sinners be consumed out of the earth, and
the wicked come to an end.
Bless thou the Lord, O my soul.

DAY 21

MORNING PRAYER

PSALM 105

A National Retrospect : The Faithfulness of God.

Praise ye the Lord.

1. O give thanks to the Lord, and proclaim His
Name ;
His doings make known among the peoples.
2. Sing unto Him, and make melody to Him ;
Devoutly praise His marvellous works.
3. Glory ye in His holy Name ;
Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.
4. Turn ye to the Lord and to His strength ;
Seek His face evermore.
5. Remember His marvellous works,
His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth,
6. Ye seed of Abraham His servant,
Ye sons of Jacob His chosen.

7. He, the Lord, is our God;
His judgments go over all the earth.
8. He remembereth His covenant for ever,
His promise to a thousand generations;
9. The covenant which He made with Abraham,
And the oath which He sware unto Isaac;
10. And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a statute,
To Israel for an everlasting covenant;
11. Saying, "To you I give the land of Canaan,
"As your heritage of possession,"
12. When they were yet men that could be numbered,
Very few, and but sojourners therein.
13. And when they wandered from nation to nation,
From one kingdom to another,
14. He suffered none to do them wrong,
But reproved kings for their sake,
15. Saying, "Touch not Mine anointed ones,
"And to My prophets do no harm."
16. Moreover, when He called a famine upon the
land,
And brake the whole staff of bread,
17. He had sent a man before them,
Joseph, who was sold to be a slave;
18. Whose feet were galled with fetters;
His soul felt chains of iron.
19. Until the time came for its fulfilment,
The promise of the Lord put him to the proof.
20. The king sent and loosed him,
The ruler of peoples set him free.

21. He made him lord also of his house,
And ruler of all his substance ;
22. To bind his princes at his pleasure,
And teach his elders wisdom.
23. So Israel came into Egypt,
And Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.
24. And He made His people exceeding fruitful,
And stronger than their enemies ;
25. Whose heart turned to hate His people,
And deal treacherously with His servants.
26. Then sent He Moses His servant,
And Aaron whom He had chosen.
27. He set forth among them His manifold
signs,
And wonders in the land of Ham.
28. He sent darkness and made it dark,
Because they obeyed not His word.
29. He turned their rivers into blood,
And killed their fish.
30. Their land swarmed with frogs,
Even in their kings' chambers.
31. He spake, and the gad-fly came,
And lice in all their borders.
32. He turned their rain to hail,
And sent fiery flames on their land.
33. He smote their vines and figs,
And brake the trees in their borders.
34. He spake, and the locusts came,
And young locusts without number,

35. Which ate up every herb in their land,
And devoured the fruit of their fields.
36. He smote all the first-born in their land,
The first-fruits of their strength.
37. And He brought forth His people with silver and
gold ;
There was none that stumbled in all their
tribes.
38. Egypt rejoiced at their departure,
For their terror had fallen upon them.
39. He spread a cloud for a covering,
And fire to give light by night :
40. They asked, and He brought quails ;
He satisfied them with bread from heaven.
41. He opened the rock, and waters gushed forth ;
A river ran in the desert.
42. For He remembered His sacred promise,
And Abraham His servant :
43. And He brought forth His people with joy,
His chosen ones with triumph :
44. And He gave them the lands of the nations ;
They took the labours of the peoples in possession :
45. That they might keep His statutes,
And observe His laws.

Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM 106

*A National Retrospect : the Unfaithfulness of
God's People.*

Praise ye the Lord.

1. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is gracious,
And His kindness endureth for ever.
2. Who can tell the mighty acts of the Lord,
Or shew forth all His praise ?
3. Happy they that observe justice,
And do alway righteousness.
4. Remember me, O Lord, with the favour that
Thou shewest to Thy people ;
Visit me with Thy salvation ;
5. That I may see the prosperity of Thy chosen
ones, and rejoice in the gladness of Thy
people,
And triumph with Thy heritage.
6. We have sinned with our fathers ;
We have committed iniquity, and done wickedly.
7. Our fathers heeded not Thy wonders in Egypt,
nor were mindful of Thine abundant kind-
nesses,
But were rebellious at the Red Sea against the
Most High.
8. Nevertheless He saved them for his Name's
sake,
That He might make His power to be known.

9. For He rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried
up;
And He led them through the depths as through
a land of drought.
10. He saved them from the hand of him who hated
them,
And rescued them from the hand of the enemy:
11. The waters covered their oppressors:
Not one of them was left.
12. Then believed they His words,
And sang His praise.
13. But very soon they forgot His works,
And tarried not for His counsel.
14. They fell alusting in the wilderness,
And made trial of God in the desert.
15. And He granted their petition,
Sending food according to their desire.
16. They were also jealous of Moses in the camp,
And of Aaron, the holy one of the Lord.
17. So the earth gaped, and swallowed up Dathan,
And closed over the assembly of Abiram:
18. Fire kindled on their company;
The flame burnt up the wicked.
19. They made a calf in Horeb,
And worshipped a molten image.
20. Thus they bartered their Glory
For the likeness of an ox that eateth grass.
21. They forgot God their Saviour,
Who had done great deeds in Egypt;

22. Wondrous works in the land of Ham,
And terrible things at the Red Sea.
23. Therefore He said that He would cut them off;
But Moses His chosen stood before Him in the
breach, to turn away His wrath from destroy-
ing.
24. They thought scorn also of the delightful land,
And gave no credence to His word;
25. But murmured in their tents,
And hearkened not to the voice of the Lord.
26. So He lifted up His hand and swore
That He would overthrow them in the wilder-
ness;
27. That He would scatter their seed among the
nations,
And disperse them through the lands.
28. They joined themselves also to Baal-peor,
And ate the sacrifices to dead idols.
29. Thus they provoked Him to anger by their
doings,
And a plague brake out upon them.
30. Then stood up Phinehas and executed doom,
And the plague was stayed:
31. And that was counted to him for righteousness
Unto all generations for ever.
32. They angered Him also at the waters of Meribah,
So that it fared ill with Moses on their account:
33. Because they were rebellious against His spirit,
And he spake wild words with his lips.

34. Neither did they destroy the peoples,
As the Lord had commanded them :
35. But mixed themselves with the nations,
And learned their works.
36. They did service to their idols,
Which became unto them a snare.
37. For they sacrificed their sons and their daughters
to demons,
And shed the blood of the innocent ;
38. Even the blood of their sons and their daughters,
whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan,
And the land was polluted with blood.
39. Thus they became defiled by their works,
And were apostate in their doings.
40. Therefore was the wrath of the Lord kindled
against His people,
And His inheritance became a loathing to
Him
41. He gave them into the hand of the nations,
And they that hated them bare rule over them.
42. Their enemies oppressed them,
And held them in subjection.
43. Many a time did He deliver them,
But they were rebellious in their counsel, and
were brought low for their iniquity.
44. Nevertheless He regarded their distress,
When He heard their cry.
45. And He remembered His covenant with them,
And relented according to the greatness of His
kindness.

46. And He made them to find compassion
At the hands of those that held them captive.

47. Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from
among the nations,
To give thanks to Thy holy Name, and to
triumph in Thy praise.

Praise ye the Lord.

**BLESSED BE THE LORD THE GOD OF ISRAEL
FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING
AND LET ALL THE PEOPLE SAY AMEN.**

FIFTH BOOK

DAY 22

MORNING PRAYER

PSALM 107

A Call to Thanksgiving.

1. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is gracious,
And His kindness endureth for ever.
2. So let them say whom the Lord hath redeemed,
Whom He hath redeemed from the hand of
distress,
3. And gathered out of the lands,
From the East and from the West, from the
North and from the South.
4. Such as lost their way in the wilderness, in a
pathless waste,
And found no city where men dwell.
5. Hungry and thirsty,
Their soul was fainting within them.
6. *Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
And He delivered them out of their distress :*
7. He led them by a straight way,
That they might go to a city where men dwell.

8. *Let these give thanks to the Lord for His kindness,
For His wonderful works to the children of men :*
9. Because He satisfied the empty soul,
And filled the hungry soul with good.
10. Such as sat in darkness and thick gloom,
Bondsmen of affliction and iron ;
11. Because they rebelled against the commandments
of God,
And scorned the counsel of the Most High ;
12. So that He bowed down their heart with
travail ;
They stumbled, and there was none to help.
13. *Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
And He saved them out of their distress :*
14. For He brought them out of darkness and thick
gloom,
And burst their bonds asunder.
15. *Let these give thanks to the Lord for His kind-
ness,
For His wonderful works to the children of men :*
16. For He brake in pieces gates of bronze,
And hewed bars of iron asunder.
17. Such as are sick by reason of transgression,
And because of their iniquities are afflicted ;—
18. Their soul abhorreth all manner of food,
And they draw nigh to the gates of death.

19. *Then they cry to the Lord in their trouble,
And He saveth them out of their distress :*
20. He sendeth His word and healeth them,
And delivereth them from the grave.
21. *Let these give thanks to the Lord for His goodness,
For His wonderful works to the children of men.*
22. Let them offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving,
And tell forth His works with singing.
23. Such as sail the sea in ships,
And traffic over the great waters ;—
24. These men see the works of the Lord,
And His wonders in the deep.
25. For at His word the stormy wind ariseth,
Which lifteth up the waves thereof :
26. They rise to the heavens, they sink to the
depths,
Their soul melteth in their trouble.
27. They reel and stagger like drunken men,
And their skill goeth all for nought.
28. *Then they cry to the Lord in their trouble,
And He bringeth them out of their distress :*
29. He husheth the storm to a whisper,
So that the waves are still.
30. Then are they glad by reason of the calm,
And He bringeth them to the haven of their
desire.
31. *Let these give thanks to the Lord for His kindness,
For His wonderful works to the children of men.*

32. Let them extol Him in the assembly of the
people,
And praise Him in the council of the elders.
33. He turneth rivers to a desert,
And water-springs to thirsty ground ;
34. A fruitful land to a barren waste,
For the wickedness of them that dwell therein.
35. Again He turneth a desert to a pool of water,
And a dry land to water-springs ;
36. And there He settleth the hungry,
That they may build them a city to dwell
in ;
37. That they may sow fields and plant vineyards,
To yield them fruits of increase.
38. He blesseth them, so that they multiply
exceedingly,
And suffereth not their cattle to decrease :
39. And when they are minished and brought low
Through oppression, pain, and sorrow,
40. He who poureth contempt upon princes,
And causeth them to wander in pathless wastes,
41. Setteth the needy secure from affliction,
And maketh them families as flocks of sheep.
42. The upright see it, and are glad,
And iniquity stoppeth her mouth.
43. Whoso is wise will ponder these things,
And he will understand the kindnesses of the
Lord.

[PSALM 108]

(A combination, with slight modifications, of Ps. 57,
8-12 and Ps. 60, 5-12.)

DAY 22

EVENING PRAYER

PSALM 109

The Cry of the Persecuted.

1. O God of my praise,
Keep not Thou silence:
2. For the mouth of wickedness and deceit have
they opened against me;
They speak to me with the tongue of falsehood.
3. They compass me about with words of hatred,
And fight against me without cause.
4. In return for my love they are mine enemies,
While I am all prayer.
5. Thus they repay me evil for good,
And hatred for my love.
- [6. Set Thou a wicked man to judge him,
And let an accuser stand at his right hand.
7. When he is arraigned let him go forth condemned,
And let his prayer be accounted sin.
8. Let his days be few,
And let another take his office.
9. Let his children be fatherless,
And his wife a widow.

10. Let his children be vagabonds begging their bread,
And seek alms far from their ruined homes.
11. Let his creditor distrain all that he hath,
And let strangers make spoil of his labour.
12. Let there be no man to shew him kindness,
Nor any to pity his fatherless children.
13. Let his posterity be cut off;
In the next generation let his name be extinguished.
14. Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered
before the Lord,
And the sin of his mother not be blotted out.
15. Let their iniquity be ever before the Lord,
That He may cut off their memory from the earth:
16. Because he thought not to shew kindness, but
persecuted the poor and needy,
And was for slaying the smitten in heart.
17. He loved cursing, and it came upon him;
He had no pleasure in blessing, and it remained
far from him:
18. He clothed himself with cursing as his raiment,
And it came into his inwards like water, and
like oil into his bones.
19. Let it be to him as the garment that he weareth,
As the girdle wherewith he bindeth him daily.
20. Be this the wage of mine adversaries from the
Lord,
Of them that speak evil against my soul.]

21. But work Thou for me, O Lord God, for Thy
Name's sake;
According to the goodness of Thy kindness
deliver me.
22. For I am poor and needy,
And my heart is wounded within me.
23. I am passing like the lengthening shadow;
I am swept away like the locust.
24. My knees totter through fasting;
My flesh is wasted and shrunken :
25. I am become a derision unto them;
When they see me, they shake the head.
26. Help me, O Lord my God;
Save me according to Thy kindness :
27. That they may know that this is Thy hand,
And that Thou, Lord, hast done it.
28. If they curse, bless Thou; let them that rise
up against me be shamed;
But let Thy servant rejoice.
29. Let mine enemies be clothed with disgrace,
And wrap themselves in their confusion as in a
cloak.
30. But I will give thanks to the Lord with my
mouth.
And praise Him in the midst of many;
31. Because He standeth at the right hand of the
needy,
To save him from them that would compass his
death.

PSALM 110

King, Priest, and Conqueror.

1. The Lord said unto my lord,
“ Sit throned at My right hand, till I make thy
foes a stool for thy feet.”
2. The Lord shall stretch forth from Sion the sceptre
of thy power,
Saying, “ Rule thou in the midst of thine
enemies.”
3. Thy people offer themselves willingly in the day
of thy muster ;
As dew from the womb of the morning are thy
warrior youths on the hills of Sion.
4. The Lord hath sworn, and repenteth not,
“ Thou art a priest for ever after the manner of
Melchizedech.”
5. My lord is at His right hand ;
He shall shatter kings in the day of his
wrath.
6. He shall judge among the nations ;
He shall fill the field with the slain, and wound
the heads of many.
7. He shall drink of the brook on his way,
And pass on with uplifted head.

PSALM 111

The Glory and the Goodness of God.

1. I will thank the Lord with my whole heart,
In the fellowship of the upright, and in the
congregation.
2. The works of the Lord are great,
To be studied by all that delight therein.
3. Glorious and grand are His doings,
And His righteousness standeth firm for ever.
4. The Lord hath wrought wonders to be had in
remembrance;
Gracious is He and of tender compassion.
5. He maketh provision for them that fear Him;
He is ever mindful of His covenant.
6. He shewed His people the power of His works,
Giving them the heritage of the nations.
7. The works of His hands are truth and jus-
tice;
All His precepts are sure.
8. They are established for ever and ever;
They are made in truth and uprightness.
9. He sent deliverance for His people; He ordained
His covenant for ever;
Holy and fearful is His Name.
10. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
a good understanding have all they that fear
Him;
His praise endureth for ever.

PSALM 112

The Blessedness of the Godly.

1. Happy the man that feareth the Lord,
That hath great delight in His commandments.
2. His seed shall be mighty in the land,
The posterity of the upright shall be blessed.
3. Wealth and substance are in his house,
And his righteousness standeth for ever.
4. For the upright he shineth as a light in the darkness,
Being compassionate, gracious, and righteous.
5. Well is it with him who sheweth pity and lendeth;
Who ordereth his affairs with justice.
6. For he shall never be shaken;
The righteous shall be remembered for ever.
7. Evil tidings shall not affright him;
His heart is stedfast, trusting in the Lord.
8. His heart is established, and will not be afraid,
Until he see his desire upon his enemies.
9. He giveth with open hand to the needy;
His righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted in honour.
10. The wicked seeth and grieveth; he gnasheth his teeth and melteth away;
The desire of the wicked shall perish.

PSALM 113

A Call to Praise.

Praise ye the Lord.

1. Praise the Lord, ye His servants ;
Praise ye the Name of the Lord.
2. Blessed be the Name of the Lord
From this time forth for evermore.
3. From the rising of the sun unto the setting thereof
The Name of the Lord is to be praised.
4. The Lord is high above all nations,
And His glory above the heavens.
5. Who is like to the Lord our God, who exalteth
Himself so high,
Yet humbleth Himself to regard the things of
heaven and earth ?
6. He raiseth the poor from the dust,
And lifteth the needy from the ash-heap,
7. To make him sit with princes,
Even the princes of his people.
8. He setteth the barren woman in a home,
To be the glad mother of children.

Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM 114

The Redemption of Israel.

1. When Israel went forth from Egypt,
The house of Jacob from a people of alien speech,

2. Judah became the sanctuary of the Lord,
And Israel His dominion.
3. The sea saw, and fled,
Jordan was driven back.
4. The mountains skipped like rams,
The hills like lambs of the flock.
5. What ailed thee, thou sea, that thou fleddest?
Thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?
6. Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams?
Ye hills, like lambs of the flock?
7. It was at the presence of the Lord of earth,
At the presence of Jacob's God;
8. Who turneth the rock to a pool,
The flint to a fountain of water.

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EVENING PRAYER

PSALM 115

A National Hymn.

1. Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto
Thine own Name, give glory,
For Thy kindness and for Thy truth's sake.
2. Wherefore should the nations say,
"Where now is their God?"
3. But our God is in the heavens;
Whatsoever He willeth He doeth.

4. Their idols are silver and gold,
Fashioned by hands of men.
5. They have mouths, but speak not;
Eyes have they, but they see not.
6. They have ears, but hear not;
Noses have they, but they smell not.
7. They have hands, but handle not;
Feet have they, but they walk not.
8. They that make them shall become dead as they,
And everyone that trusteth in them.

9. O house of Israel, trust in the Lord.
He is their Help and their Shield.
10. O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord.
He is their Help and their Shield.
11. O ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord.
He is their Help and their Shield.

12. May the Lord remember us and bless us;
Bless the house of Israel, bless the house of Aaron;
13. Bless them that fear the Lord,
Both small and great.
14. The Lord increase you more and more,
You and your children.
15. Blessed be ye of the Lord,
The Maker of heaven and earth.

16. The heavens, the heavens are the Lord's,
But the earth hath He given to the children of
men.

17. The dead praise not the Lord,
Neither they that go down into silence.
18. But we will bless the Lord
Henceforth and for evermore.
Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM 116

A Thanksgiving for Recovery from Sickness.

1. I love the Lord,
Because He hath heard the voice of my supplication.
2. Because He hath inclined His ear unto me,
I will call upon Him all my days.
3. The snares of death enclosed me; the pains of
the grave gat hold upon me;
I found trouble of heart and sorrow.
4. Then called I upon the Name of the Lord,
“Lord, I beseech Thee, save Thou my life.”
5. Gracious is the Lord and righteous;
Yea, our God is compassionate.
6. The Lord preserveth the simple;
I was brought low, and He saved me.
7. Return to thy rest, my soul,
Because the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.
8. For He hath delivered my soul from death,
Mine eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

- 9 I walk before the Lord
In the land of the living.
10. I believed, when I spake thus—
But I was greatly afflicted—
11. I that said in mine alarm,
“All men are faithless.”
12. What shall I render to the Lord
For all His benefits to me?
13. I will take the cup of thanksgiving,
And call upon the Name of the Lord.
14. No light thing in the eyes of the Lord
Is the death of His loved ones.
15. O Lord, truly I am Thy servant; I am Thy
servant, the son of Thine handmaid;
Thou hast loosed my bonds.
16. I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving,
And will call upon the Name of the Lord.
17. I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the presence
of all His people,
In the courts of the Lord's house, in thy midst,
O Jerusalem.

DAY 24

MORNING PRAYER

PSALM 117

A Doxology.

Praise ye the Lord.

1. Praise the Lord, all ye nations;
Laud Him, all ye peoples.

2. For His kindness is great toward us,
And the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.
Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM 118

A Processional Hymn.

1. *Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
For His kindness endureth for ever.*
2. Now let the house of Israel say
That His kindness endureth for ever.
3. Now let the house of Aaron say
That His kindness endureth for ever.
4. Now let them say who fear the Lord
That His kindness endureth for ever.
5. Out of straitness I called upon the Lord;
He heard, and set me in a broad place.
6. The Lord is on my side; I will not fear;
What can man do unto me?
7. The Lord is for me as my Helper;
Therefore I see my desire upon my foes.
8. It is better to trust in the Lord
Than to put trust in man.
9. It is better to take refuge in the Lord
Than to put trust in princes.
10. All nations compassed me about:
In the Name of the Lord did I cut them off.

11. They compassed me round ; yea, they compassed
me round ;
In the Name of the Lord did I cut them off.
12. They compassed me round like bees about wax ;
they blazed as a fire of thorns ;
In the Name of the Lord did I cut them off.
13. They thrust sore at me, that I might fall ;
But the Lord helped me.
14. The Lord is my strength and my song ;
He is become my salvation.
15. A shout of joy and victory is in the tents of the
righteous ;
The right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.
16. The right hand of the Lord is exalted ;
The right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.
17. I shall not die, but live,
And tell out the works of the Lord.
18. The Lord hath chastened me sore,
But He gave me not over unto death.
19. Open to me the gates of righteousness,
That I may enter in, and give thanks unto the
Lord.
20. This is the gate of the Lord ;
The righteous may enter in.
21. I give thanks unto Thee, for Thou didst answer
me,
And art become my salvation.

22. The stone which the builders rejected
Is become the head of the corner.
23. This is the Lord's doing;
It is marvellous in our eyes.
24. This is a day which the Lord hath made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
25. Save, O Lord, we beseech Thee;
O Lord, send now prosperity.
26. Blessed in the Name of the Lord be he that
entereth:
We bless you out of the house of the Lord.
27. The Lord is God, and hath given us light;
Wreath the worshippers with boughs; let them
march to the horns of the altar.
28. Thou art my God, and I will thank Thee;
Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee.
29. *Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
For His kindness endureth for ever.*

DAY 24

EVENING PRAYER

PSALM 119

The Law of the Lord.

1. Happy they whose way is blameless,
Who walk in the law of the Lord.
2. Happy they who observe His decrees,
And seek Him with a whole heart;

3. Who practise no unrighteousness,
But walk in His ways.
4. Thou hast enjoined Thy precepts,
That we should observe them diligently.
5. O may my way be established
To observe Thy statutes!
6. Then shall I not be shamed,
While I have regard unto all Thy command-
ments.
7. I will thank Thee with an upright heart,
When I have learned Thy righteous ordinances.
8. I will keep Thy statutes:
O forsake me not utterly!
9. How shall a young man keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to Thy word.
10. With my whole heart have I sought Thee:
Let me not stray from Thy commandments.
11. Thy word have I treasured within my heart,
That I might not sin against Thee.
12. Blessed art Thou, O Lord:
O teach me Thy statutes.
13. With my lips do I tell forth
All the ordinances of Thy mouth.
14. I have as great a joy in the way of Thy decrees
As in all manner of riches.
15. I will meditate upon Thy precepts,
And have regard unto Thy paths.
16. I will delight myself in Thy statutes,
And will not forget Thy word.

17. Deal bountifully with Thy servant, that I may
live;
So will I observe Thy word.
18. Open Thou mine eyes,
That I may behold the wonders of Thy law.
19. A sojourner am I upon the earth;
O hide not Thy commandments from me.
20. My soul breaketh with the longing
That it hath alway for Thine ordinances.
21. Thou rebukest the proud :
Cursed are they that err from Thy commandments.
22. Take away from me reproach and contempt,
For I have kept Thy decrees.
23. Princes sit and speak against me ;
But Thy servant meditateth on Thy statutes.
24. Yea, Thy decrees are my delight,
And Thine ordinances my counsellors.
25. My soul cleaveth to the dust ;
Quicken me according to Thy word.
26. I rehearsed my ways, and Thou answeredst me ;
O teach me Thy statutes.
27. Make me to understand the way of Thy precepts,
That I may meditate on Thy wondrous works.
28. My soul weepeth itself away for heaviness :
Strengthen Thou me according to Thy word.
29. Remove from me the way of unfaithfulness,
And of Thy favour grant me Thy law.
30. I have chosen the way of faithfulness :
Thine ordinances have I set before me.

31. I have cleaved unto Thy decrees ;
O Lord, disappoint me not.
32. I will run the way of Thy commandments,
For Thou hast given me a willing heart.

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MORNING PRAYER

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33. Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes,
And I will keep it as my reward.
34. Give me understanding that I may keep Thy law,
And observe it with my whole heart.
35. Direct me in the path of Thy commandments,
For therein is my delight.
36. I incline my heart to Thy decrees,
And not to unjust gain.
37. Turn away mine eyes from vanities,
And quicken me in Thy way.
38. Unto Thy servant confirm Thy word,
Which maketh for the fear of Thee.
39. Turn away the reproach whereof I am afraid,
For thine ordinances are good.
40. Behold, I long after Thy precepts ;
Quicken me in Thy righteousness.
41. Let Thy kindnesses come unto me, O Lord,
Even Thy salvation, according to Thy word.
42. So shall I have an answer to him that reproacheth
me ;
For my trust is in Thy word.

43. Take not the word of truth utterly out of my
mouth,
For my hope is in Thine ordinances.
44. So shall I observe Thy law
Continually all my days ;
45. And I shall walk in a broad place,
Because I study Thy precepts.
46. I will speak before kings of Thy decrees,
And shall not be put to shame.
47. Yea, my delight shall be in Thy commandments,
Which are dear unto my heart.
48. I will reverence Thy commandments,
And will meditate on Thy statutes.
49. Remember Thy word to Thy servant,
For Thou hast made me to hope.
50. This is my comfort in mine affliction,
That Thy word quickeneth me.
51. The proud have flouted me sore,
But I have not swerved from Thy law.
52. I remember Thine ordinances which are from of
old,
O Lord, and receive comfort.
53. Indignation hath taken hold upon me,
Because the wicked forsake Thy law.
54. Thy statutes have been my songs
In the house of my pilgrimage.
55. I have remembered Thy Name, O Lord, in the
night,
And have observed Thy law.

56. This hath been vouchsafed me,
That I have kept Thy testimonies.
57. Thou art my portion, O Lord,
I am purposed to keep Thy word.
58. I entreated Thy favour with my whole heart;
Be gracious unto me according to Thy word.
59. I thought upon my ways,
And turned my feet to Thy decrees.
60. I made haste, and tarried not,
To keep Thy commandments.
61. The snares of the wicked wrap me round,
But I do not forget Thy law.
62. At midnight I rise to give thanks unto Thee,
Because of Thy righteous ordinances.
63. I am a companion of them that fear Thee,
Of them that keep Thy precepts.
64. The earth, O Lord, is full of Thy kindness;
O teach me Thy statutes.
65. Lord, Thou hast dealt graciously with Thy servant,
According to Thy word.
66. Teach me right judgment and knowledge,
For I have believed Thy commandments.
67. Before I was afflicted I went astray;
But now I keep Thy word.
68. Thou art good, and doest good:
O teach me Thy statutes.
69. Proud men have forged a lie against me;
But I will keep Thy precepts with my whole heart.

70. Their heart is gross as fat;
But my delight is in Thy law.
71. It was good for me that I was afflicted,
That I might learn Thy statutes.
72. The law of Thy mouth is dearer to me
Than treasures of gold and silver.

DAY 25

EVENING PRAYER

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73. Thy hands¹ made me and fashioned me;
Give me understanding, that I may learn Thy
commandments.
74. Let them that fear Thee be glad when they see
me,
Because I have hoped in Thy word.
75. I know, Lord, that Thine ordinances are righteous,
And that in faithfulness Thou hast afflicted me.
76. Let Thy kindness be my comfort,
According to Thy word unto Thy servant.
77. Let Thy compassions come to me, that I may
live;
For Thy law is my delight.
78. Let the proud be put to shame that defame me
falsely;
But I meditate upon Thy precepts.
79. Let them that fear Thee turn to me,
And they shall know Thy decrees.

80. Let my heart be perfect in Thy statutes,
That I be not put to shame.
81. My soul fainteth for Thy salvation;
But my hope is in Thy word.
82. Mine eyes fail in waiting for Thy Word,
While I say, "When wilt Thou comfort me?"
83. I am shrivelled as a wine-skin in the smoke;
But I do not forget Thy statutes.
84. How few at most are the days of Thy servant!
When wilt Thou avenge me of my persecutors?
85. The proud have digged pits for me,
Men that live not after Thy law.
86. All Thy commandments are faithful;
They persecute me without cause; O be Thou
my help.
87. They had almost made an end of me upon
earth,
But I forsook not Thy precepts.
88. Quicken me according to Thy kindness,
And I will keep the decrees of Thy mouth.
89. Thy word, O Lord, standeth fast
For evermore in heaven.
90. Thy faithfulness is from generation to genera-
tion;
Thou didst establish it on earth, and it abideth.
91. Heaven and earth abide unto this day according
to Thine ordinances;
For all things are Thy servants.

92. Unless Thy law had been my delight,
I had perished in mine affliction.
93. I will never forget Thy precepts,
For by them Thou hast quickened me.
94. I am Thine; O save me,
For I have studied Thy precepts.
95. The wicked lie in wait to destroy me;
But I will consider Thy decrees.
96. I have seen a limit to all perfection,
But Thy commandment is infinite.
97. O how I love Thy law!
I meditate upon it all the day.
98. Thou hast made me wiser than mine enemies
through Thy commandments,
Which are ever with me.
99. I have more understanding than all teachers,
For I meditate on Thy decrees.
100. I have more judgment than the old,
Because I keep Thy precepts.
101. I restrain my feet from every evil path,
That I may keep Thy word.
102. I do not swerve from Thine ordinances,
Because Thou art my teacher.
103. How sweet is Thy word to my taste!
Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth.
104. Through Thy precepts I get understanding;
Therefore I hate all ways of falsehood.

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105. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
And a light upon my path.
106. I have sworn, and have kept mine oath,
That I would observe Thy righteous ordinances.
107. I am afflicted above measure :
Quicken me, O Lord, according to Thy word.
108. Accept, O Lord, the offerings of my mouth,
And teach me Thine ordinances.
109. My life is in jeopardy every hour ;
But I do not forget Thy law.
110. Wicked men have laid snares for me ;
But I have not swerved from Thy precepts.
111. Thy decrees have I claimed as my heritage for
ever ;
They are the joy of my heart.
112. I have inclined my heart to fulfil Thy statutes
alway :
The reward is from everlasting.
113. I hate them that are of a double mind ;
But Thy law do I love.
114. Thou art my Shelter and my Shield ;
My hope is in Thy word.
115. Depart from me, ye evil-doers ;
I would keep the commandments of my God.
116. Uphold me according to Thy word, that I may
live ;
And let me not be disappointed of my hope.

117. Hold Thou me up, and I shall be safe ;
And I will ever regard Thy statutes.
118. Thou rejectest all them that stray from Thy
statutes,
For they cheat themselves with a lie.
119. Thou reckonest the wicked of the earth as dross ;
Therefore I love Thy decrees.
120. My flesh shuddereth for fear of Thee,
And I reverence Thine ordinances.
121. I practise that which is righteous and just :
Abandon me not to mine oppressors.
122. Be Thou surety for the welfare of Thy servant ;
Let not the proud oppress me.
123. Mine eyes pine for Thy salvation,
And for the word of Thy righteousness.
124. Deal with Thy servant according to Thy kindness,
And teach me Thy statutes.
125. I am Thy servant, O grant me understanding,
That I may know Thy decrees.
126. It is time for Thee, Lord, to be doing,
For men have made void Thy law.
127. Therefore I love Thy commandments
Above gold, yea, above fine gold.
128. Therefore I direct my steps after all Thy pre-
cepts,
And hate every way of falsehood.
129. Wonderful are Thy decrees ;
Therefore doth my soul keep them.

130. The unfolding of Thy word giveth light,
Making the simple to understand.
131. I open wide my mouth and pant,
For I long for Thy commandments.
132. Turn Thee unto me, and be gracious to me,
As Thy wont is to them that love Thy Name.
133. Establish my steps by Thy word,
That iniquity have not dominion over me.
134. Ransom me from the oppression of men;
So will I keep Thy precepts.
135. Let Thy face shine upon Thy servant,
And teach me Thy statutes.
136. Mine eyes rain streams of water,
Because men keep not Thy law.
137. Righteous art Thou, O Lord,
And upright are Thine ordinances.
138. Thou hast enjoined Thy decrees,
In righteousness and exceeding faithfulness.
139. My zeal consumeth me,
Because mine adversaries forget Thy word.
140. Thy word is as gold refined,
And Thy servant loveth it.
141. I am small and of no account;
Yet do I not forget Thy precepts.
142. Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,
And Thy law is truth.
143. Trouble and anguish have taken hold upon me,
But Thy commandments are my delight.

144. Thy decrees are righteous for ever;
Make me to understand them, and I shall live.

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145. I call with my whole heart :
Answer me, Lord ; I would obey Thy statutes.
146. I call unto Thee ; O save me ;
And I will observe Thy decrees.
147. I wake before the dawn, and call ;
For in Thy word is my hope.
148. I wake before the watchman crieth,
That I may meditate upon Thy word.
149. Hear my voice in Thy kindness ;
Quicken me, O Lord, according as Thou art wont.
150. They draw nigh that of malice persecute me,
Men that are far from Thy law.
151. But Thou, Lord, art nigh,
And all Thy commandments are truth.
152. Concerning Thy decrees I have known of old
That Thou hast founded them for ever.
153. Behold mine affliction, and deliver me,
For I do not forget Thy law.
154. Plead Thou my cause, and redeem me ;
Quicken me according to Thy word.
155. Salvation is far from the wicked,
Because they study not Thy statutes.

156. Many are Thy compassions, O Lord ;
 Quicken me as Thou art wont.
157. Many are the adversaries that persecute me,
 But I have not swerved from Thy decrees.
158. When I see the faithless, I hate them,
 Because they heed not Thy word.
159. Behold how I love Thy precepts :
 Quicken me, O Lord, in Thy kindness.
160. The sum of Thy word is truth,
 And Thy righteous ordinances are for ever.
161. Princes persecute me without a cause,
 But my heart standeth in awe of Thy word.
162. I rejoice in Thy word,
 As one that findeth great spoil.
163. I hate and abhor falsehood,
 But Thy law do I love.
164. Seven times a day do I praise Thee,
 Because of Thy righteous ordinances.
165. Great peace have they who love Thy law ;
 They have no occasion of stumbling.
166. Lord, I hope for Thy salvation,
 And I love Thy commandments.
167. My soul hath kept Thy decrees ;
 Yea, I love them exceedingly.
168. I have kept Thy precepts and Thy decrees,
 For all my ways are before Thee.
169. Let my complaint come before Thee, O Lord :
 Give me understanding according to Thy word.

170. Let my supplication come before Thee ;
Deliver me, according to Thy word.
171. My lips shall pour forth praise,
Because Thou teachest me Thy statutes.
172. Let my tongue sing of Thy word,
For all Thy commandments are righteous.
173. Let Thy hand be near to help me,
For I have chosen Thy precepts.
174. I long, O Lord, for Thy salvation,
And Thy law is my delight.
175. Let my soul live, that it may praise Thee,
And let Thine ordinances help me.
176. If I stray like a sheep that is lost, O seek Thy
servant,
For I do not forget Thy commandments.

DAY 27

MORNING PRAYER

PSALM 120

The Godly Man among the Ungodly.

1. Unto the Lord I called in my distress,
And He answered me.
2. Deliver me, O Lord, from the lying lip,
And from the deceitful tongue.
3. Punishment on punishment will He give thee,
O thou deceitful tongue :
4. Sharp arrows of a warrior will He give thee,
Together with burning coals.

5. Woe is me, that I sojourn with Mesech,
That I dwell amid the tents of Kedah.
6. Too long hath my soul had her dwelling
Beside him that hateth peace.
7. I am for peace; but when I speak thereof,
They make them ready for war.

PSALM 121

The Song of the Pilgrim to the Holy City.

1. I lift up mine eyes unto the hills.
Whence cometh my help?
2. My help cometh from the Lord,
The Maker of heaven and earth.
3. May He not suffer thy foot to stumble:
May He that keepeth thee sleep not.
4. Lo, the Keeper of Israel
Slumbereth not nor sleepeth.
5. The Lord Himself is thy Keeper:
The Lord is thy Shelter on thy right hand.
6. The sun shall not smite thee by day,
Neither the moon by night.
7. The Lord shall keep thee from every evil;
Yea, He shall keep thee safe.
8. The Lord shall keep thy going out and thy
coming in,
From this time forth for evermore.

PSALM 122

The Song of the Pilgrim at Sight of the Holy City.

1. I was glad when they said unto me,
 "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
2. Our feet are standing within thy gates,
 O Jerusalem :
3. O Jerusalem, that art built again
 As a city well-compacted :
4. Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
 According to the ordinance for Israel, to give
 thanks to the Name of the Lord.
5. For there are set seats for judgment,
 The seats of the house of David.
6. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem ;
 May they prosper that love thee.
7. Peace be within thy walls,
 And prosperity within thy palaces.
8. For my brethren and companions' sake
 I will wish thee peace.
9. For the sake of the house of the Lord our God
 I will seek thy welfare.

PSALM 123

Faith under Scorn and Contempt.

1. Unto Thee lift I up mine eyes,
 Thou that art throned in heaven.

2. As the eyes of servants are on the hand of their master,
As the eyes of a maiden on the hand of her mistress,
3. So are our eyes on the Lord our God,
Until He be gracious unto us.
4. Be gracious, O Lord, be gracious unto us,
For we are sated with contempt.
5. Our soul is sated with the mockery of the careless,
And with the contempt of the proud.

PSALM 124

A Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Peril.

1. "If the Lord had not been on our side"—
Thus let Israel say—
2. "If the Lord Himself had not been on our side,
"When men rose up against us,
3. "They had swallowed us up alive,
"When their wrath was kindled against us.
4. "The waters had overwhelmed us,
"The flood had swept over our soul:
5. "Yea, the proud waters
"Had swept even over our soul."
6. Blessed be the Lord,
Who gave us not up as a prey to their teeth.
7. Our soul escaped, as a bird out of the snare of the fowler;
The snare brake, and we escaped.

8. Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
The Maker of heaven and earth.

DAY 27

EVENING PRAYER

PSALM 125

Safety in the Lord.

1. They that trust in the Lord are as Mount Sion,
Which cannot be shaken, but standeth fast for
ever.
2. As the hills are about Jerusalem,
So is the Lord about His people from this time
forth for evermore.
3. He will not suffer the sceptre of the wicked to
rest upon the heritage of the righteous,
Lest the righteous put forth their hand to iniquity.
4. Do well, O Lord, unto them that be good,
Unto them that be upright of heart.
5. As for such as turn aside to crooked paths, the
Lord lead them away with the evil-doers:
But peace be upon Israel.

PSALM 126

The Song of the Returning Exile.

1. When the Lord turned the fortunes of Sion,
We were like unto men that dream.
2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
And our tongue with a song of joy.

3. Then was it said among the nations,
"The Lord hath done great things for them."
4. The Lord hath indeed done great things for us,
Whereof we are glad.
5. Turn again our fortunes, O Lord,
As the rains swell the torrents in the South.
6. May they that sowed in tears
Reap with a song of joy.
7. The bearer of seed may go forth weeping ;
He shall surely return with a song of joy, the
bearer of goodly sheaves.

PSALM 127

No Blessing without the Lord.

1. Except the Lord build the house,
They labour in vain that build it.
2. Except the Lord watch over the city,
The watchman waketh but in vain.
3. It is vain that ye rise early and go late to rest,
eating the bread of toil:
Surely He giveth to His beloved while they sleep.
4. Lo, children are a heritage from the Lord ;
The fruit of the womb is His gift.
5. As arrows in the hand of a warrior,
So are the sons of youth.
6. Happy the man that hath his quiver full of them:
Such shall not be shamed when they speak with
enemies in the gate.

PSALM 128

The Happy Home of the Godfearing Man.

1. Happy all who fear the Lord,
And walk in His ways.
2. For thou shalt eat the labour of thy hands :
Happy thou, and well shall it befall thee.
3. Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine in the chambers of thy house ;
Like olive shoots thy children round about thy board.
4. Verily thus shall the man be blessed,
Who feareth the Lord.
5. The Lord shall bless thee from His seat on Sion ;
And thou shalt see the welfare of Jerusalem all thy days.
6. Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children,
And peace upon Israel.

PSALM 129

In a Time of National Danger.

1. " Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth "—
Thus may Israel say—
2. " Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth,
" But they have not prevailed against me.
3. " They ploughed upon my back,
" And made long their furrows :

4. " But the righteous Lord
 " Cut asunder the cords of the wicked."
5. Let them be brought to shame and put to flight,
 As many as hate Sion.
6. Let them be as corn upon the housetops,
 Which withereth before it ripen :
7. Wherewith the reaper filleth not his hand,
 Nor the binder of sheaves his bosom ;
8. And they that pass by say not, " The blessing of
 the Lord be upon you ;
 " We bless you in the Name of the Lord."

DAY 28.

MORNING PRAYER

PSALM 130

The Trustful Soul in Deep Waters.

1. Out of the depths I call unto Thee, O Lord ;
 Lord, hearken to my cry.
2. Let Thine ear be attentive
 To the voice of my supplication.
3. If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities,
 Who, O Lord, could stand ?
4. Nay, but with Thee there is forgiveness,
 To the end Thou mayest be feared.
5. I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait,
 And in His word I hope.

6. My soul looketh for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning,
Yea, more than watchmen for the morning.
7. O Israel, trust in the Lord;
For with the Lord is kindness, and with Him is plenteous redemption.
8. And He will ransom Israel
From all his sins.

PSALM 131

Childlike Trust in God.

1. Lord, my heart is not proud, nor mine eyes lofty,
Neither meddle I with great matters or with things too hard for me.
2. But I have stilled and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother;
Yea, my soul is with me like a weaned child.
3. O Israel, hope in the Lord,
From this time forth for evermore.

PSALM 132

The Dedication of the Restored Temple.

1. Lord, remember unto David for good
All the affliction that he endured:
2. How he swore unto the Lord,
And vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob;—

3. " I will not enter the tent wherein I dwell,
" Or go to the bed whereon I rest ;
4. " I will give no sleep to mine eyes,
" Or to mine eyelids slumber ;
5. " Until I find a place for the Lord,
" A dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."
6. Lo, we heard of the Ark at Ephrathah ;
We found it in the Field of Jaar.
7. Let us go into His dwelling-place,
And worship at His footstool.
8. Ascend, O Lord, to Thy resting place,
Thou, and the Ark of Thy strength.
9. Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness,
And Thy loved ones shout for joy.
10. For the sake of Thy servant David
Refuse not the face of Thine anointed.
11. The Lord sware unto David in truth ; He will
not go back therefrom—
" Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy
throne.
12. " If thy sons keep My covenant and Mine
ordinances that I shall teach them,
" Their sons also shall sit upon thy throne for
ever."
13. For the Lord hath chosen Sion :
He hath desired it for His habitation.
14. " This," saith He, " is My resting place for ever ;
" Here will I dwell, for I have desired it.

15. " I will surely bless her provision,
 " And will satisfy her needy folk.
16. " Her priests will I clothe with salvation,
 " And her loved ones shall shout for joy.
17. " There will I make a horn to sprout for David ;
 " I have prepared a lamp for Mine anointed.
18. " His enemies will I clothe with shame ;
 " But on his brow shall his crown sparkle."

PSALM 133

The Blessedness of Brotherly Unity.

1. Behold how good and lovely a thing it is
 For brethren to dwell in unity.
2. It is like the goodly oil upon the head, that ran
 down upon the beard, the beard of Aaron ;
 Yea, that ran down upon the collar of his garment.
3. It is like the dew of Hermon,
 That falleth on the hills of Sion.
4. For there hath the Lord commanded the blessing,
 Life for evermore.

PSALM 134

The Retiring Congregation and the Night-watch of the Temple.

1. Lo, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord,
 Who stand in the courts of the house of our God.

2. Lift your hands in the night-time to the sanctuary,
And bless the Lord.
3. The Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth,
Bless thee out of Sion.

DAY 28

EVENING PRAYER

PSALM 135

A Hymn of Praise.

Praise ye the Lord.

1. Praise ye the Name of the Lord;
Praise Him, O ye servants of the Lord;
2. Ye that stand in the house of the Lord,
In the courts of the house of our God.
3. Praise ye the Lord, for the Lord is good;
Sing praise to His Name, for it is lovely.
4. For the Lord hath chosen Jacob for Himself,
And Israel for His own possession.
5. For I know that the Lord is great,
And that our God is above all gods.
6. Whatsoever the Lord willeth, that doth He do,
In heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all
depths.
7. He draweth up vapours from the ends of the
earth;
He maketh lightnings with the rain, and bringeth
forth winds from His storehouse.

8. He smote the first-born of Egypt,
Both of man and beast.
9. He sent signs and wonders in thy midst, O
Egypt,
On Pharaoh and all his servants.
10. He smote divers nations,
And slew mighty kings:
11. Sihon, King of the Amorites, and Og, the King
of Bashan,
And all the kingdoms of Canaan;
12. And gave their land for a heritage,
A heritage to His people Israel.
13. Thy Name, O Lord, endureth for ever,
Thy fame, O Lord, through all generations.
14. For the Lord will plead the cause of His people,
And relent concerning His servants.
15. The idols of the heathen are silver and gold,
Fashioned by hands of men.
16. They have mouths, but speak not;
Eyes have they, but they see not.
17. They have ears, but hear not;
Neither is their breath in their mouths.
18. They that make them shall become dead as they,
And everyone that trusteth in them.
19. Bless the Lord, O house of Israel;
Bless the Lord, O house of Aaron;
20. Bless the Lord, O house of Levi;
Bless the Lord, ye that fear the Lord.

21. Blessed be the Lord of Sion,
Who dwelleth at Jerusalem.

PSALM 136

A National Thanksgiving.

1. O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
For His kindness endureth for ever :
2. O give thanks to the God of gods,
For His kindness endureth for ever :
3. O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
For His kindness endureth for ever.

4. To Him, who did great wonders,
For His kindness endureth for ever ;
5. Who by wisdom made the heavens,
For His kindness endureth for ever ;
6. Who spread out the earth upon the waters,
For His kindness endureth for ever.

7. Who made the great lights,
For His kindness endureth for ever ;
8. The sun to rule by day,
For His kindness endureth for ever :
9. The moon and the stars to rule by night,
For His kindness endureth for ever.

10. Who smote the Egyptians in their first-born,
For His kindness endureth for ever :

11. Who brought out Israel from among them,
For His kindness endureth for ever;
12. With a strong hand and an outstretched arm,
For His kindness endureth for ever.
13. Who parted the Red Sea asunder,
For His kindness endureth for ever;
14. And let Israel pass through the midst,
For His kindness endureth for ever;
15. But shook off Pharaoh and his host in the Red
Sea,
For His kindness endureth for ever.
16. Who led His people in the wilderness,
For His kindness endureth for ever;
17. Who smote great kings,
For His kindness endureth for ever;
18. And slew mighty kings,
For His kindness endureth for ever.
19. Who thought upon us in our low estate,
For His kindness endureth for ever;
20. And delivered us from our enemies,
For His kindness endureth for ever;
21. Who giveth food to all flesh,
For His kindness endureth for ever.
22. O give thanks to the God of heaven,
Whose kindness endureth for ever.

PSALM 137

The Lament of the Exile.

1. By the streams of Babylon we sat down and wept,
When we remembered Sion.
2. Upon the poplars in the midst thereof
We hanged our harps.
3. For there our captors asked of us songs, and our
spoilers mirth,—
“Sing us of the songs of Sion.”
4. How shall we sing a song of the Lord
In an alien land?
5. If I forget thee, Jerusalem,
Let my right hand forget its cunning.
6. Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth,
if I remember thee not;
If I esteem not Jerusalem my chiefest joy.
7. Remember, O Lord, against the children of
Edom the day of Jerusalem,
How they said, “Lay it bare, lay it bare, even to
the ground.”
8. O Babylon, thou that dealest desolation,
Happy be he who shall requite thee as thou hast
served us.
- [9. Happy be he who shall seize thy little ones,
And dash them against the rock.]

PSALM 138

A Hymn of Thanksgiving.

1. I thank Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart;
In the presence of the angels I praise Thee.
2. I worship toward Thy holy temple, and praise
Thy Name for Thy kindness and truth,
Because Thou hast magnified above all things
Thy word of promise.
3. In the day that I called Thou answeredst me;
Thou didst strengthen me in my soul with Thy
strength.
4. All the kings of the earth shall praise Thee, O
Lord,
Where they hear the words of Thy mouth:
5. Yea, they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
For great is the glory of the Lord.
6. For though the Lord be high, yet looketh He
upon the lowly,
But the proud He knoweth from afar.
7. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, Thou
revivest me;
Thou stretchest forth Thy hand against the
wrath of mine enemies, and by Thy right
hand savest me.
8. The Lord will perfect His work concerning me;
Thy kindness, O Lord, endureth for ever:
Forsake not Thou the works of Thy hands.

PSALM 139

The Divine Omniscience.

1. O Lord, Thou searchest me through and knowest me ;
Thou knowest my sitting-down and my rising-up ;
Thou understandest my thoughts from afar :
2. Thou compassest my path and my bed,
And art acquainted with all my ways.
3. For the word is not yet upon my tongue,
But Thou, Lord, knowest it all.
4. Thou dost beset me behind and before,
And holdest me in Thy hand.
5. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me ;
It is so high that I cannot attain to it.
6. Whither can I go from Thy spirit ?
Or whither flee from Thy presence ?
7. If I scale the heaven, Thou art there ;
If I make my bed in the nether world, behold,
Thou art there.
8. If I wing my flight to the dawn,
If I dwell in the uttermost West,
9. Even there shall Thy hand rest on me,
And Thy right hand hold me.
10. If I say, " Only let darkness screen me,
" And the day become night about me,"
11. Even darkness hideth not from Thee, but the
night shineth as the day ;
The darkness is as the light to Thee.

12. I will give thanks unto Thee, for I am fearfully
and wonderfully made :
Wonderful are Thy works, and Thou knowest
my soul right well.
13. For mine inmost parts are the work of Thy
hand ;
Thou didst knit me together in my mother's
womb :
14. My frame was not hid from Thee,
When I was secretly fashioned, as in the depths
of the earth.
15. Thine eyes foresaw my lot in life,
And in Thy book were written the days ordained,
when as yet they were not.
16. How past my measure are Thy thoughts, O God !
How vast the sum of them !
17. If I would count them, they are more in number
than the sand :
When I awake, I am still with Thee.
18. Surely Thou wilt slay the wicked, O God !
Depart from me, then, ye men of blood.
19. For they defy Thee wickedly,
And take Thy Name in vain.
20. Do not I hate them, O God, that hate Thee ?
Do not I loathe them that rise up against Thee ?
21. I hate them with a perfect hate ;
I count them mine own enemies.
22. Search me, O God, and know my heart ;
Prove me, and know my thoughts.

23. See if there be any way of wickedness in me,
And lead me in the way of life.

DAY 29

EVENING PRAYER

PSALM 140

A Prayer for Deliverance from the Wicked.

1. Deliver me, O Lord, from evil men ;
From men of violence guard Thou me ;
2. Who devise evil counsel in their heart,
And stir up war all the day long ;
3. Who have sharpened their tongue like a serpent ;
Who have poison of adders within their lips.
4. Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked ;
Guard me from men of violence, who are purposed
to trip up my feet.
5. The proud have hid snares for me, and spread
cords as a net ;
They have set traps for me by the way that I
must walk.
6. I say unto the Lord, " Thou art my God ;
" Give ear, O Lord, to the voice of my supplication."
7. O Lord God, my Help and my Stronghold,
Thou hast guarded my head in the day of
battle.
8. Grant not, O Lord, the desire of the wicked ;
Further not his evil device.

9. When they that encompass me lift up the head,
Let the mischief of their own lips cover them.
10. Let burning coals fall upon them;
Let them be cast into deep waters, that they
rise not again.
11. Let the slanderer have no continuance in the
land;
Let evil hunt the man of violence, thrust upon
thrust.
12. I know that the Lord will right the poor,
And maintain the cause of the needy.
13. Surely the righteous shall give thanks to Thy
Name;
The upright shall dwell in Thy presence.

PSALM 141

A Prayer for Holiness.

1. Lord, I call upon Thee; haste Thee unto me;
Give ear to my voice when I call upon Thee.
2. Let my prayer come as incense before Thee,
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
3. Set Thou a guard, O Lord, at my mouth,
And keep the door of my lips.
4. Let not my heart be inclined to evil,
To practise deeds of wickedness.
5. As for them that work iniquity,
I will not eat at their table.

- [6. Let not their oil come upon my head;
While I live, my prayer shall be against their
wickedness.
- 7. When their leaders shall be flung headlong from
the rock.
Men shall hear my words and be glad thereat.
- 8. As when one cutteth and cleaveth wood upon
the earth,
Their bones shall be scattered at the mouth of
the grave.]
- 9. For mine eyes turn unto Thee, O Lord God;
Unto Thee have I fled; O pour not out my life.
- 10. Guard me from the snare that they have laid for me,
And from the traps of the evil-doers.
- 11. Let the wicked fall into their own nets,
While I pass by in safety.

PSALM 142

God our Refuge in Trouble.

- 1. Unto the Lord I cry with my voice,
Unto the Lord with my voice do I make suppli-
cation.
- 2. I pour out my complaint before Him,
And shew Him of my trouble.
- 3. When my spirit faileth, Thou knowest my path,
How they have hid a snare for me in the way
that I must walk.

4. Look on my right hand, and see; there is none
that knoweth me;
Refuge hath failed me; there is none that careth
for my soul.
5. I cry unto Thee, O God, and say,
"Thou art my refuge, my portion in the land of
the living."
6. Give ear to my cry, for I am brought very
low;
Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are
too strong for me.
7. Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give
thanks to Thy Name;
Then shall the righteous gather round me,
because Thou hast shewed me favour.

PSALM 143

A Prayer for Succour in Dark Days.

1. Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to my
supplication;
In Thy faithfulness and righteousness answer
me:
2. And enter not into judgment with Thy servant,
For in Thy sight is no man living righteous.
3. For the enemy pursueth my soul; he hath
crushed my life to the ground;
He hath made me to dwell in dark places, as
those that have been long dead.

4. Therefore my spirit fainteth within me;
My heart within me is numbed.
5. I remember the days of old;
I meditate on all Thy doings, and muse on the
works of Thy hands.
6. I spread forth my hands unto Thee;
My soul thirsteth for Thee, as a weary land.
7. Lord, haste Thee to answer, for my spirit
fainteth;
Hide not Thy face from me, lest I become like
them that go down to the grave.
8. Satisfy me with kindness in the morning, for in
Thee do I trust;
Make me to know the way that I should walk in,
for I lift up my soul unto Thee.
9. Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies;
To Thee have I fled for refuge.
10. Teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my
God;
Let Thy gracious spirit lead me forth upon an
even path.
11. Quicken me, O Lord, for Thy Name's sake;
In Thy righteousness bring my soul out of
trouble.
12. And in Thy kindness cut off mine enemies, and
destroy all them that are adversaries of my
soul,
For I am Thy servant.

PSALM 144

A Song of Thanksgiving.

1. Blessed be the Lord my Rock,
Who teacheth my hands to war and my fingers
to fight:
2. My Stronghold and my Fortress, my Sure Retreat
and my Deliverer, my Shield and my Refuge,
Who subdueth peoples under me.
3. Lord, what is man, that Thou takest knowledge
of him?
Or the son of man, that Thou thinkest upon
him?
4. Man is like unto a breath;
His days pass away like a shadow.
5. Bow Thy heavens, O Lord, and come down;
Touch the mountains, that they smoke.
6. Flash forth lightnings, and scatter my foes;
Shoot Thine arrows, and discomfit them.
7. Stretch forth Thy hand from above,
And save me out of great waters:
8. *Rescue and deliver me from the hand of the alien,
Whose mouth speaketh falsehood, whose oath is a
lie.*
9. I will sing a new song unto Thee, O God;
Upon a ten-stringed lyre will I play unto Thee;

10. Who givest victory unto kings,
Who didst rescue David Thy servant from the
hurtful sword.
11. *Rescue and deliver me from the hand of the alien,
Whose mouth speaketh falsehood, whose oath is a
lie.*
12. Happy the people whose sons are as saplings,
grown tall in their youth,
And their daughters as sculptured columns of a
palace ;
13. Whose garnerers are full with all manner of store ;
Whose flocks wax by thousands and ten thou-
sands in their fields ;
14. Whose rulers are stablished in strength ; whose
walls are unbreached ;
Who go not into captivity, nor hear outcry in
their streets,
15. Yea, happy the people that are in such a case ;
Happy the people whose God is the Lord.

PSALM 145

A Hymn of Praise.

1. I will extol Thee, my God and King,
And bless Thy Name for ever and ever.
2. Every day will I bless Thee,
And praise Thy Name for ever and ever.

3. Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised ;
Yea, His greatness is past finding out.
4. One generation to another shall laud Thy works,
And declare Thy mighty acts.
5. Men shall tell of the splendour of Thy majesty,
And of Thy wondrous works.
6. They shall speak of the might of Thy terrible acts,
And declare Thy deeds of greatness.
7. They shall pour forth the story of Thy manifold
goodness,
And sing aloud of Thy righteousness.
8. The Lord is gracious, and of tender compassion,
Slow to anger, and of great kindness.
9. The Lord is good unto all,
And His compassions are over all His works.
10. All Thy works praise Thee, O Lord,
And Thy loved ones bless Thee.
11. They speak of the glory of Thy kingdom,
And talk of Thy power ;
12. To make known Thy mighty acts to the children
of men,
And the excellent glory of Thy kingdom.
13. Thy kingdom is a kingdom for all the ages,
And Thy dominion for ever and ever.
14. The Lord is faithful in all His words,
And holy in all His works.
15. The Lord upholdeth all such as fall,
And lifteth up all them that are bowed.

16. The eyes of all wait upon Thee,
And Thou givest them their food in its season.
17. Thou openest Thy hand,
And fillest all things living with their desire.
18. The Lord is righteous in all His ways,
And loving in all His works.
19. The Lord is nigh unto all that call upon Him,
To all that call upon Him faithfully.
20. He fulfilleth the desire of them that fear Him;
He heareth their cry, and saveth them.
21. The Lord preserveth all them that love Him,
But all the wicked He destroyeth.
22. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;
Let all flesh bless His holy Name for ever and
ever.

PSALM 146

A Hymn of Praise.

Praise ye the Lord.

1. Praise the Lord, O my soul; while I live will I
praise the Lord;
Yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing
unto my God.
2. Put not your trust in princes,
In a son of man who cannot help:
3. His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his dust;
In the selfsame day his thoughts perish.

4. Happy he that hath the God of Jacob for his
help,
And hopeth in the Lord his God :
5. Who made heaven and earth and sea, and all
that in them is,
Who keepeth troth for ever.
6. Who righteth them that suffer wrong ;
Who giveth bread to the hungry.
7. The Lord looseth the captive ;
The Lord giveth sight to the blind.
8. The Lord lifteth up them that are bowed ;
The Lord loveth the righteous.
9. The Lord careth for the stranger ; He upholdeth
the orphan and widow ;
But as for the steps of the wicked, He turneth
them aside.
10. The Lord reigneth for ever,
Thy God, O Sion, unto all generations.
Praise ye the Lord.

DAY 30

EVENING PRAYER

PSALM 147

A Hymn of Praise.

Praise ye the Lord.

1. Praise the Lord, for He is good ;
Praise Him, for He is gracious.

2. The Lord doth build again Jerusalem ;
He gathereth the dispersed of Israel.
3. He healeth the broken in heart,
And bindeth up their wounds.
4. He counteth the number of the stars,
And giveth them all their names.
5. Great is our Lord and mighty in power ;
His understanding is infinite.
6. The Lord lifteth up the afflicted,
And abaseth the wicked to the ground.

7. Sing to the Lord a song of thanksgiving ;
Play to the Lord on the harp :
8. Who covereth the heaven with clouds,
And provideth rain for the earth :
9. Who maketh grass to grow upon the hills,
And herb for the use of men :
10. Who giveth to the beast his food,
And feedeth the young ravens at their cry.
11. He delighteth not in the strength of the horse,
Neither hath pleasure in the speed of a man.
12. But the Lord hath pleasure in them that fear
Him,
In them that wait for His kindness.

13. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem ;
Laud thy God, O Sion.
14. For He hath strengthened the bars of thy
gates,
And hath blessed thy children within thee.

15. He maketh peace in thy borders,
And filleth thee with the finest wheat.
16. He sendeth His commands on earth;
His word runneth very swiftly.
17. He giveth snow like wool,
And scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.
18. He casteth forth His hail like crusts;
Who can stand before His cold?
19. He speaketh His word, and melteth them;
He bloweth with His wind, and the waters flow.
20. He sheweth His word unto Jacob,
His statutes and ordinances unto Israel.
21. He hath not dealt so with other nations,
Neither know they His commandments.

Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM 148

A Hymn of Praise.

Praise ye the Lord.

1. Praise the Lord from the heavens;
Praise Him in the heights:
2. Praise Him, all His angels;
Praise Him, all His hosts:
3. Praise Him, sun and moon;
Praise Him, all ye stars of light:
4. Praise Him, ye highest heavens,
And ye waters above the heavens:

5. Let them praise the Name of the Lord,
For He commanded, and they were created :
6. He made them to stand for ever and ever ;
He gave them a law which they may not transgress.
7. Praise the Lord from the earth ;
Ye sea-monsters, and all deeps ;
8. Lightning and hail, snow and mist,
Stormy wind fulfilling His word :
9. Mountains, and all hills ;
Fruit-trees, and all cedars :
10. Wild beasts, and all cattle ;
Creeping things, and flying fowl :
11. Kings of the earth, and all peoples ;
Princes, and all rulers of the earth ;
12. Young men and maidens, old men and children,
Let them praise the Name of the Lord ;
13. For His Name alone is exalted :
His glory is over heaven and earth.
14. And He hath exalted the horn of His people ;
all His beloved shall praise Him,
Even the children of Israel, the people near unto Him.

Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM 149

A Hymn of Praise.

Praise ye the Lord.

1. Sing to the Lord a new song ;
Sing His praise in the assembly of His beloved.
2. Let Israel rejoice in his Maker,
Let the children of Sion exult in their King.
3. Let them praise His Name in the dance,
Let them make music to Him with timbrel and harp.
4. For the Lord hath pleasure in His people :
He adorneth the meek with victory.
5. Let His beloved exult in their glory ;
Let them sing aloud in their beds.
6. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth,
And a devouring sword in their hand,
7. To execute judgment upon the nations,
And chastisement upon the peoples ;
8. To bind their kings with chains,
And their nobles with fetters of iron ;
9. To execute upon them the doom that is written ;—
An honour this for all His beloved.

Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM 150

A Call to Universal Praise.

Praise ye the Lord.

1. Praise God for His holiness,
Praise Him for the vastness of His power.
2. Praise Him for His mighty acts;
Praise Him for His surpassing greatness.
3. Praise Him with blast of cornet;
Praise Him with lute and lyre.
4. Praise Him with timbrel and dance;
Praise Him with strings and pipe.
5. Praise Him with clear cymbals,
Praise Him with clashing cymbals.
6. Let everything that hath breath
Praise the Lord.

Praise ye the Lord.

DAY 31

MORNING PRAYER

PSALM 103

DAY 31

EVENING PRAYER

PSALM 104

VERSIONS AND MANUSCRIPTS

P.B.V.—*Prayer Book Version*. This is Coverdale's translation, A.D. 1535; made, not from the original Hebrew, but from Latin and Dutch Versions, and largely derived through the Vulgate from the Septuagint.

A.V.—*Authorized Version*.

R.V.—*Revised Version*.

R.V.m.—*Margin of Revised Version*.

LXX.—*Septuagint*.—A translation from the Hebrew into Greek, made in the second century B.C. It supplies evidence of a text which is more than twelve centuries older than any which we now possess; and it often suggests the true reading where the Massoretic text is corrupt.

Syr.—*Syriac*.—A translation from the Hebrew, but made throughout with an eye upon the LXX Version. Its greatest value is where its readings disagree with the LXX.

Sym.—*Symmachus*.—The best of the Greek Versions, based, like the Syriac, on the LXX. It is chiefly of value as helping to restore the text of the LXX where faulty.

Jer.—*Jerome*.—End of the fourth century A.D. His translation from the Hebrew into Latin is most valuable, since he was a good Hebrew scholar, and had access to MSS. which in many passages differed, it is clear, from those used by the LXX translators as well as from the Massoretic text.

Vulg.—*Vulgate*.—This means, in the case of the Psalms, the Gallican Psalter—that is, Jerome's second version of the old Latin Psalter incorporated in the Vulgate Bible.

Hebr.—*The Massoretic Text*.—The earliest extant Hebrew MS., dating from the beginning of the tenth century A.D. Ancient Hebrew MSS. were written without vowels, and the pronunciation of the words was handed down by tradition ("Massora"). But

though this tradition can be traced back to ancient times, it was never regarded as possessing the same authority as the consonantal text, and was itself subject to considerable variation. In the unpointed text the consonants may be read in different ways (see note on 45. 4, 46. 10, 60. 8, 91. 3), and sometimes the Massoretic text almost certainly reads them wrongly. Further, it is evident that the ancient Versions, which were translations from MSS. more than a thousand years older than the Massoretic text, had access to a text which was, not only different, but purer. This is no more than might naturally be expected. It is inherently probable that the consonantal text would not escape the corruption to which all MSS. are liable. In the process of copying, not only were accidental changes made through carelessness—such as one consonant being written for another; a word or a sentence duplicated (see note on 56. 10, 115. 7, 138. 2); consonants omitted or transposed (see note on 22. 15, 49. 11); or marginal glosses allowed to creep into the text (see note on 78. 9, 96. 10)—but there is little doubt that other changes were intentionally introduced with a view to making an obscure passage more intelligible; while it is certain that successive editors changed and adapted many of the Psalms for liturgical use.

Further evidence of corruption is found in the variations in those Psalms which appear in duplicate, either in the Psalter itself (e.g. 14 and 53; 70 and 40. 13-17; 108 and 57. 8-12, 60. 5-12), or in the Psalter and elsewhere in the Bible (e.g. Ps. 18 and 2 Sam. 22; Ps. 105. 1-15, Ps. 96 and 1 Chron. 16. 8-33).

Again evidence of corruption is furnished by the Acrostic Psalms, in which each verse, or group of verses, begins with the same letter, or in which an alphabetical succession of initial letters is observed. The fact that in many cases a letter is missing or misplaced proves that the original text has been corrupted.

Hence it is not surprising to find a large number of instances in which the change of a single consonant will remove obscurity or give a more natural sense (e.g. 49. 13; 52. 9; 56. 7; 60. 4; 61. 5; 66. 11; 75. 6, 10; 91. 13; 106. 15; 107. 17; 110. 3; 143. 8, 10).

There appears therefore to be no good reason why conjectures or emendations should not be admitted in the case of the Hebrew text, where it is manifestly corrupt, on the same principles as those on which they are allowed in the case of Greek or Latin

MSS. For instance, in such passages as 19. 9 ; 37. 8 ; 59. 11 ; 85. 11, 13 ; 119. 91 ; 139. 12, conjectures have been admitted which appear to be fully justified by the context.

Where a passage is corrupt beyond restoration the only alternative to its omission appears to be a free rendering which gives the probable meaning. (See e.g. 17. 14-16 ; 22. 29-31 ; 49. 14, 15 ; 68. 29 ; 141. 6-8.)

NOTES

(No note is, as a rule, given where the R.V. has been followed.)

2. 12. *Learn well your lesson.* LXX, Vulg. Cf. R.V.m.
4. 2. *Stubborn of heart.* LXX.
7. 4. *Repaid evil for evil.* LXX. The verse is difficult and possibly corrupt, but the probable sense is given.
8. 2. *Perfected praise.* LXX. So quoted in Matt. 21. 16.
10. 3. A difficult verse, as is shown by the various renderings in R.V. and R.V.m. The translation adopted is possible, and gives a good sense.
19. *Their heart is ready.* LXX.
11. 7. *Burning coals.* Sym. *Snares* (P.B.V.) is obviously unsuited to the context.
12. 6. *For which he panteth.* R.V.m.
- 8, 9. The Psalm ends better, if the last two verses are transposed, as has been done by Cheyne (following Hupfeld). The obvious dislocations in several of the alphabetical psalms justify such a transposition, which here in no way alters the sense. (See note on 34. 17.)
9. *Us.* LXX.
14. 4. After this verse the P.B.V. has three verses which form no part of this Psalm. St. Paul, in Rom. 3 supplemented his quotation of verses 2-4 by adding verses from other sources, and the entire passage was transferred thence into the LXX text of this Psalm.
6. The words *even where no fear was* (P.B.V.) are a gloss from Ps. 53, which is a parallel edition of this Psalm. The wide difference in the corresponding verse points to a corruption of the text here. The translation *for God scattered them* is suggested by the LXX reading of 53. 6.

16. 2. *I have said.* R.V., following LXX, Syr., Jer., and Vulg.
 3. *The Lord abundantly,* etc. LXX.
 6. *He.* The third person has been substituted for the second, for the sake of clearness. The meaning is the same.
17. 1. *A righteous man.* Jer.
 2. *Thine eyes,* etc. See R.V.m.
 3. *My mouth,* etc. See R.V.m.
 10. *Closed their heart.* R.V.m.
 14-16. The passage is difficult, and almost certainly corrupt. No literal translation yields a good sense, but the free rendering adopted gives the probable meaning.
18. 4. The sorrows of P.B.V. should be *cords* as in R.V.; but the word has been transferred in error from the next verse. The right word *billows* has been preserved in the parallel version of this Psalm in 2 Sam. 22. 5.
 8. *Heaven.* Again the right reading has been preserved in 2 Sam. 22. 8.
 16. *Sea.* So in 2 Sam. 22. 16.
 29. *Thou art.* So in 2 Sam. 22. 29.
 44. *My people.* So in 2 Sam. 22. 44.
19. 6. *His sun.* The Hebrew word is elsewhere always thus translated, and the rendering suits the word *hid*. (See Briggs.)
 9. *The word.* The Hebrew word translated *fear* in P.B.V. is an obvious error for the very similar term for *word*. Thus, verses 7-9 contain six of the synonyms for "Law" found in Ps. 119. (See Briggs.)
20. 1. *The Name* (P.B.V.). Probably a gloss from verses 5 and 7, which is better omitted, as it is an obscure expression to an English reader.
 9. *The Lord giveth,* etc. R.V.m. has *O Lord, save the King and answer us*, following LXX and Vulg. But the Hebrew text has *answereth* in the second half of the verse, and the whole of the second half of the Psalm requires the translation adopted, which is that of Briggs.
22. 3. *Throned upon.* R.V.m.
 8. *Thee.* The substitution of the second person for the third involves no change of meaning.
15. *Throat.* The transposition of two letters gives this

- meaning, which better suits the context than the strength of P.B.V. (See 69. 3.)
21. *Mine afflicted soul.* The LXX version suggests this rendering, which maintains the parallelism. The alternative translation *From the horns of the wild oxen—Thou hast answered me* seems abrupt and unnatural.
- 29–30. The passage is corrupt, but the translation gives the probable meaning.
24. 6. *Of Jacob's God.* R.V., following LXX.
25. 13. *Friendship.* R.V.m., following Sym.
16. *Relieve.* R.V.m. This translation, which merely involves the transference of a letter from the end of one word to the beginning of the next, is required by the parallelism.
26. 9. *Snatch not away.* R.V.m.
27. 1. *Stronghold.* R.V.m.
28. 9. *A Strength unto His people.* R.V.m., following LXX, Vulg., Syr. and some Hebr. MSS.
29. 2. *In holy vestments.* R.V.m.
8. *Shaketh the oaks.* This translation is far preferable to *maketh the hinds to bring forth young* of P.B.V. The verb is the same as in the two preceding clauses and must have the same meaning, while the word rendered *hinds* may mean *oaks*. (See Briggs and Cheyne.) This rendering maintains the parallelism with *forests*.
30. 3. *Recalled me to life.* So Hebrew margin, supported by Syr.
13. *My soul.* For the word translated *every good man* (P.B.V.) the Hebrew has *glory*; and the LXX *my glory*, which means *my soul*, as in 7. 5 and 16. 10.
31. 6. *Thou hatest.* LXX, Syr., Jer., Vulg.
11. *Affliction.* LXX, Syr., Sym.
Mine adversaries. These words have been brought back from the following verse, with which they have been wrongly connected.
12. The especially of P.B.V. is probably a copyist's mistake for a similar word meaning *Shake the head*. But the passage is corrupt. (See Kirkpatrick and Cheyne.)
22. *In time of strait.* The difficult expression *in a strong city* (P.B.V.) is best regarded as metaphorical.
32. 4. *I was changed, etc.* See LXX.
7. *In time of distress.* So Briggs explains a difficult and

- obscure expression. This suits the context better than in a time when *Thou mayest be found* (P.B.V.).
33. 7. *In a flagon*. LXX, Syr., Jer., Vulg.
34. 5. *O look*, etc. LXX, Syr., Jer., Vulg.
17. *They*. *The righteous* (P.B.V.) is taken from LXX. The Hebrew text has *they*, which could only refer to *them that do evil* (verse 15), and this is impossible. The simplest way out of the difficulty is to transpose verses 15 and 16. (See note on 12. 9.)
35. 3. *Javelin*. The obscure Hebrew word translated *Stop the way* in P.B.V. almost certainly denotes some weapon. R.V.m. has *battle-axe*.
- 5, 6. The participles *thrusting* and *pursuing* have been, in accordance with the judgment of most commentators, transposed.
8. *Into the pit*. Syr.
13. *Was from my heart*. A reasonable interpretation of a very obscure expression.
- 15, 16. These verses are obscure, if not corrupt. The translation gives the probable sense.
36. 1. *My heart* (P.B.V.). The reading of LXX, Syr., Jer., Vulg., *within his heart*, suggests the right interpretation.
37. 8. *At the doing of evil*. A slight emendation gives this meaning (see Briggs). It is clear from the following verse that the thought of verse 1 is repeated.
16. *Tumult*. This is the literal meaning of the Hebrew word. The context shews that *the little* of the righteous refers, not to wealth, but to strength. (See Briggs.)
- 28, 29. The interruption of the alphabetical arrangement (this being an Acrostic Psalm) shews that the text has been corrupted. The translation is that of Driver and of Briggs, following the best MS. of the LXX.
38. *How there is a future*. See R.V.m.
38. 6. *I am bent*. See R.V.m.
19. *Without cause*. This rendering gives the balance to *wrongfully* in the other half of the verse. The Hebrew word translated *live* in P.B.V. is very similar, and has been in error substituted. Cf. 35. 19.
39. 15. See R.V.m.
40. 5. *Idols*. LXX.
Fallen faithlessly away R.V.m.

42. and 43. The similar structure and identical refrain shew that these two Psalms were originally one.
44. 2. *Us*. This pronoun has been substituted for *them*, without affecting the sense, in order to avoid ambiguity.
5. *Commander of*. LXX.
Victories. R.V.m.
17. *At the mien*. LXX. Thus it is parallel to *at the voice*.
(See Kirkpatrick.)
45. 4. *Bend the bow*. So the LXX, which evidently assigned different vowel-points to the Hebrew word.
5. The text appears to be corrupt, but the probable meaning has been given.
6. *As God's throne*. So R.V.m.
8. *Stringed instruments*. R.V.
11. The word *God* in P.B.V. is a gloss inserted in Vulg., and suggests an entirely wrong interpretation.
46. 3. After this verse the refrain, which has obviously dropped out, has been replaced.
10. *Shield*. LXX. This rendering, which merely requires the insertion of a different vowel-point in the Hebrew word, suits the context better than the *chariots* of P.B.V.
47. 9. *The lords of earth*. In *the shields of the earth* (A.V.) the word for *shields* denotes *princes*, and has been rendered *lords*, to avoid obscurity.
48. 2. An obscure and perhaps corrupt verse. The translation gives the probable meaning.
49. 7. *Himself*. This translation involves a slight, but almost certain, correction. (See Kirkpatrick.)
11. *Their graves*. So R.V.m, following LXX, Syr., and Vulg. This rendering merely involves the transposition of two letters.
13. *The latter end*, etc. This rendering, which gives a greatly improved sense, requires the change of but a single consonant.
14. 15. The text is corrupt, but the translation gives the probable meaning.
50. 6. *Let*. So, with a change of vowel-points.
10. *In their thousands*. R.V.m., following Jer.
11. *The heaven*. LXX and Syr.
23. *Keepeth My way*. So, by a slight correction of the text (see Kirkpatrick).

51. 6. *Teach me.* See Cheyne.
The mysteries of Thy wisdom. LXX.
12. *Thy guiding spirit.* LXX, Jer., Vulg.
52. 2. *Thou man of guile.* See Kirkpatrick.
 7. *Substance.* A.V.m., following Syr. This translation gives a close parallelism.
 9. *Proclaim.* See Driver. This rendering, which suits *before Thy loved ones*, involves the change of but a single letter.
54. 3. *Proud men.* The consonants in the Hebrew words for *proud* and for *strangers* (P.B.V.) are almost identical, and some MSS. read the former here. And 86. 14 (to which R.V.m. refers) is almost the same as this verse, and it has *proud*. (See Kirkpatrick.)
 7. *Deliver me.* This translation, which is that of Briggs, seems necessary, since the rendering in P.B.V. is inconsistent with verse 5.
55. 19. *That none come nigh me.* See R.V.m.
 20. *The doom*, etc. This is the probable meaning of a difficult and obscure verse.
 22. *Face.* LXX.
56. 1. *Tread me down.* LXX, Jer., and Ancient Versions.
 2. *The proud.* See R.V. The rendering of P.B.V., *O Thou Most Highest*, is untenable.
 5. *Vex me with words.* So Jer., but the passage is obscure.
 7. *Weigh out.* The change of a single letter gives this sense in place of the *shall they escape* of P.B.V.
 8. *Are before Thee.* Cf. LXX, Sym., Jer.
 10. The sentence *In the Lord's word will I comfort me* (P.B.V.) is a copyist's repetition of the preceding clause and mars the refrain.
57. 3. *Dealeth bountifully with me.* LXX, Vulg. There is nothing in the Hebrew text corresponding to the *all things* of P.B.V.
 9. *Wake the dawn.* R.V.m.
58. 6. *God shall break.* LXX.
 9. The translation gives the probable sense of a difficult and corrupt passage.
59. 9. *O my Strength.* So R.V., following some Ancient Versions. *Will I sing.* Syr. This is the reading in verse 17, where the refrain is repeated.
11. *Have not compassion on them.* A conjecture, almost

certainly right, by G. Baur, involving a very slight change in the Hebrew word. *Slay them not* (P.B.V.) is inconsistent with *Consume them* in verse 13; and in order to explain the difficulty, *My people* was inserted in the Hebrew text as the subject, and *Thy law* in the LXX as the object, to the verb *forget*. (See Briggs.)

60. 1. *Didst turn us backward*. So Briggs translates, and the rendering suits the context. So Jer. apparently.
4. *Only that they may flee*. R.V.m., following LXX, Sym., Jer., and Vulg. This rendering requires the change of but a single letter.
5. *Us*. So R.V., following the written text, instead of the traditional reading, of the Hebrew.
6. *Sanctuary*. LXX and Jer.
8. *Over Philistia*, etc. This translation, involving merely the change of a vowel-point, suits the context far better than the P.B.V. *Philistia, be thou glad of me*.
10. *Will not Thou*, etc. A.V.m., following LXX, Sym., Jer., and Vulg.
11. *Against the enemy*. So R.V.
61. 3. *High upon the rock*. LXX, Syr., Vulg.
5. *The prayer*. This translation, involving the change of a single letter, avoids a difficult expression, and maintains the parallelism.
7. *Prepare* (P.B.V.) No such word is found in Jer. and Sym., and it is better omitted.
62. 3. *Set upon*, etc. R.V., following LXX and Vulg.
4. *Me*. LXX.
63. 1. *Earnestly*. R.V.m.
65. 1. *Beseemeth Thee*. LXX, Syr., Vulg. With different vowel-points.
3. *Us*. LXX and Vulg.
11. *Chariot-tracks*. So Cheyne translates.
66. 11. *A spacious place*. LXX and Sym. One letter changed.
68. 4. *As it were upon a horse* (P.B.V.) This is an addition, which has no authority, in Münster's Version.
- 13, 14. The passage is corrupt, and the translation is to some extent conjectural.
27. *Company*. R.V.m.
28. *Command*. LXX, Syr., Sym., Jer., Vulg.

29. The text is corrupt, and the translation is to some extent conjectural.
34. *Terrible is God.* R.V.m.
69. 28. *Add to their pain.* LXX and Syr.
71. 3. The three Hebrew words rendered in P.B.V. *Whereunto I may also resort*; *Thou hast promised*, correspond to two words, with very similar consonants, in 31. 2, which mean a *fortress-house*, and this should probably be read here. (See Kirkpatrick.)
6. *Thou hast blessed me.* R.V.m.
21. *Thy.* As in LXX and Vulg. The Hebrew word is one used to denote the Divine greatness.
72. 5. *His seed.* The LXX has *he shall endure*, i.e., his dynasty.
7. *Righteousness.* LXX, Syr., Jer. This suits the parallelism better. (See Kirkpatrick.)
15. *They.* R.V.
73. 4. *Suffer no pains.* This translation, adopted by most commentators, merely requires the division of one Hebrew word into two. (See Driver.)
7. *Iniquity.* LXX, Syr., Vulg.
8. *They scoff.* R.V., following Jer.
Speak loftily. R.V.
10. *My.* LXX and Syr.
20. *When Thou rousest Thee.* The Hebrew word so translated is wrongly rendered in P.B.V., *Out of the city.*
74. 7. *Festivals.* LXX and Syr.
15. *Moon.* LXX.
18. *Wild beasts.* LXX, Jer., Vulg.
75. 1. *Call upon Thy Name.* LXX, Vulg., Syr. The translation in P.B.V., *Thy Name is nigh*, rests upon the displacement of a single letter. (See Briggs.)
2. *The set time.* Cf. R.V.
5. *Against God.* LXX. A single consonant differentiates the Hebrew words for *Rock* (i.e. God) and *neck*. (See Kirkpatrick.)
10. *Rejoice.* LXX. This involves the change of a single letter.
76. 4. *From the eternal hills.* LXX and Vulg.
10. *Shall be Thy glory.* Cf. LXX and Vulg., which have *shall keep festival to Thee.*
77. 2. *My tears.* So the Targum. This is adopted by Driver.
10. *I will remember the years* (P.B.V.). *I will remember is*

not in the text, and the word rendered *years* may also mean *change*. See R.V.m. The translation adopted is the most satisfactory rendering of an obscure passage, and gives an excellent sense.

78. 9. *Like as the children of Edom* (P.B.V.). These words are inexplicable, and are best omitted as a gloss, perhaps suggested by verses 57 and 67.
48. *The murrain—the plague*. So two Hebrew MSS. and Sym. Each of the preceding verses describes one plague, and this verse does not refer (as in P.B.V.) to the plague of hail already described, but to the plague of murrain, which otherwise is unaccountably omitted. (See Kirkpatrick.)
61. *His ark*. The words *power* and *beauty* in P.B.V. both refer to the ark, and it is well that the translation should remove the obscurity.
80. 5. *Us*. LXX, Syr., Jer.
16. *We*. So translated for the sake of clearness. The *they* of P.B.V. means the Israelites.
81. 6. *Thy*. So translated to avoid the awkward change from the third person to the second (verse 7).
17. *I*. This correction of *He* (P.B.V.) appears to be necessary, and it is made by most commentators. Similarly *thee* (P.B.V.) must be altered to *them*, as in LXX, Syr., Jer.
82. 5. This verse is probably a gloss. If it be retained, the second person must be substituted for the third.
83. 12. *Pastures*. R.V.m.
84. 3. *The sparrow*, etc. As often in Hebrew, a direct statement takes the place of a simile. A translation which does not shew that a simile is intended is misleading.
12. *Loveth kindness and truth*. LXX, Vulg.
85. 8. *Who turn their hearts to Him*. LXX.
11. In the text *righteousness* has taken the place of *kindness* by the error of a copyist, thus destroying the parallelism. (See Briggs.)
13. *Peace followeth*. The verse is obscure, and none of the usual renderings is satisfactory, but the parallelism requires that *peace* shall be the subject. (See Briggs.)
86. 11. *Let my heart rejoice*. LXX, Syr., Vulg. (with different vowel-points).
87. 6. *Are sprung from thee*. An obscure line, but this rendering well suits the context.

88. 19. *Mine only companion*, etc. A difficult passage. This rendering is supported by Driver.
89. 2. *Thou*. So LXX, Jer., Vulg. It is more natural to make the words of God begin at verse 2 than at verse 3. (See Driver.)
Shall be established. LXX and Vulg.
5. *Angels*. This is what is meant by *saints* (i.e. holy ones) of P.B.V. (See Driver and Briggs.)
22. *Come treacherously upon him*. Syr. and Jer.
37. *The Witness*, etc. R.V.m.
91. 2. The LXX has the third person in place of *I will say* (P.B.V.).
3. *The malice of the slanderer*. LXX, Syr., Sym. Since the pestilence is mentioned in verse 6, this rendering, which only involves a change of vowel-points, is to be preferred to the *noisome pestilence* of P.B.V.
9. *Because thou hast made*. See R.V.m.
13. *Serpent*. LXX. Since *young lion* comes in the second half of the verse, the *lion* of P.B.V. is undoubtedly due to a copyist's error of a single letter.
93. 4. *Din*. See R.V.m.
94. 10. *Shall He not know?* So A.V. rightly. It is true that there are no such words in the Hebrew text, but the sense requires them and the word translated *knowledge* in P.B.V. is undoubtedly a corrupt survival of the missing clause.
96. 10. *How that He shall judge*, etc. (P.B.V.). This clause should be omitted, as a gloss from 9. 8. It unduly lengthens the verse; and it is absent in the other version of this Psalm contained in 1 Chronicles 16 (where see verse 31).
100. 2. *And we are His*. So the Hebrew margin; also Jer. and R.V.
101. 2. *I will give heed*. So R.V.m.
103. 5. *The days of thine old age*. So the Targum. This gives excellent sense. The word translated *mouth* in P.B.V. is obscure, and is very variously interpreted.
104. 3-20. The second person has been substituted, without any change of meaning, for the third, since the alternation of the two persons in the Hebrew is unnatural in English.
105. 27. *He*. So R.V.m., following LXX, Syr., Sym., Jer.

28. *Because they obeyed not*, etc. An obscure passage, since it is doubtful to whom the pronouns refer, and the negative is omitted in some versions. The translation adopted gives at any rate a good sense.
106. 7. *Against the Most High*. The awkward repetition of *At the sea* in P.B.V. points to a corruption of the text, and a comparison of 78. 16 and 56 suggests the necessary correction. (See Kirkpatrick.)
15. *Food*. The change of a single letter gives this word, which is preferable to *leanness* (P.B.V.), since the verbs and nouns in each verse are parallel and not antithetical. (See Briggs.)
107. 2. *Distress*. The Hebrew word is the same as in verses 6, 13, etc.
17. *Sick*. This rendering, which involves the change of a single letter, gives a better sense than *foolish men* (P.B.V.).
40. This verse is taken unaltered from Job 12. 21, 24, and is undoubtedly a marginal gloss which crept into the text, where it does not fit grammatically. It can only be retained by being slightly adapted.
109. 10. *Far from*. R.V.m.
110. 3. *On the hills of Sion*. The word translated in P.B.V. *with a holy worship* is not found elsewhere, but the change of one letter gives *on the sacred hills*. Cf. R.V.m., Sym. and Jer.
5. *My lord is at His right hand*. The alteration of the pronoun is necessary. It is obvious that the king, and not God, is the subject of the last three verses; and further that this verse echoes verse 1, i.e., *My lord is at the right hand of the Lord*, and not the converse. The mistake was caused by misinterpreting *lord* as *Lord*. (See Briggs.)
112. 4. *He shineth*. See Kirkpatrick.
5. *Who ordereth*, etc. Sym.
114. 7. *It was at*, etc. LXX, Vulg. The questions appear to require an answer. (See Briggs.)
115. 7. *Neither speak they*, etc. (P.B.V.). These words have been omitted as an obvious gloss. They are an awkward repetition of verse 5 and make verse 7 too long.

116. 10. *I believed*, etc. The verse is obscure, but this is a likely rendering. (See R.V.m.)
17. *I will pay . . . people* (P.B.V.). These words are a gloss from verse 17, and must be omitted. They are absent from the best MSS. of the LXX, and they impair the strophical arrangement.
- Praise ye the Lord* (P.B.V.). These words belong, as in the LXX, to the beginning of the next Psalm.
118. 2. *The house of Israel*. LXX.
12. *About wax*. LXX.
- Blazed*. LXX.
13. *They*. The pronoun has been changed for the sake of clearness, but the sense is the same, since *thou* (P.B.V.) denotes the enemy addressed as an individual. (See Kirkpatrick.)
27. *Wreathe*, etc. The passage is very obscure, and the P.B.V. cannot be right. The rendering adopted is suggested by a comparison of LXX and Jer.
119. 24. *Thine ordinances*. Added from LXX and Vulg.
33. *As my reward*. This is the best rendering of a difficult word, with regard to which the Versions differ greatly. It occurs again in verse 112. (See Kirkpatrick and Briggs.)
48. *Which I have loved* (P.B.V.). These words, which unduly lengthen the verse, should be omitted as a repetition by error from the preceding verse.
78. *Defame me falsely*. See R.V.m.
90. *On earth*. This rendering cannot be obtained from the existing text. But there is evidently corruption, since the parallelism to *in heaven* (verse 89) requires *on earth* here. (See Briggs.)
106. *Have kept mine oath*. See LXX.
112. *The reward*. See note on verse 33.
119. *Thou reckonest*. Sym. and Jer.
128. *Direct my steps*. LXX, Jer., Vulg.
166. *I love*. LXX.
176. *If I stray*. See Kirkpatrick.
120. 3. *Punishment on punishment*. A free rendering which gives the probable sense.
125. 3. *He will not suffer*. LXX.
127. 3. *Surely*. This rendering requires the addition of but one letter. (Driver.)

- While they sleep.* R.V.m.
132. 6. *The Ark.* This is what is meant by *the same* (P.B.V.), and it is well to make the reference clear.
Field of Jaar. R.V.m.
133. 2. *Collar.* R.V.m.
134. 2. *In the night.* These words belong (as in LXX, Jer., Vulg.) to *lift your hands*, and not (as in P.B.V.) to *stand*.
Even in the courts, etc. (P.B.V.). These words have been omitted, as a gloss taken from verse 2 of the next Psalm.
135. 21. *Of Sion.* Rather than *out of Sion* (P.B.V.). The following words *dwelleth at Jerusalem* require this change.
136. 19-22. (P.B.V.) These verses have been omitted. They interrupt the arrangement in triplets which runs through the Psalm, and are an obvious interpolation from verses 11 and 12 of the preceding Psalm, where verse 10 is very similar to verse 18 here.
27. (P.B.V.) This verse is not in the Hebrew text, but is a repetition (in the Gallican Psalter) of verse 3, and is omitted by A.V. and R.V.
137. 8. *That dealest desolation.* Syr., Sym.
138. 1. *Angels.* LXX.
2. The second *Thy Name* in P.B.V. is a repetition by a copyist from the preceding line.
139. 8. *Wing my flight*, etc. LXX.
9. *Rest on me.* The unpointed Hebrew text can bear this meaning.
12, 13. These verses have been transposed, to the great improvement of the connection. (See note on 34. 17.)
12. *Thou knowest my soul.* So Briggs translates. The Divine knowledge is the theme of the whole Psalm.
15. *My lot.* Sym. There is nothing in the Hebrew text corresponding to *members* (P.B.V.).
The days ordained. R.V.m.
140. 8. *Lest they be too proud* (P.B.V.). The words so translated belong to the following verse.
10. *Deep waters.* Cf. R.V.m. The word is found here only.
141. 6-8. The translation can only be conjectural. The text is corrupt, and the meaning of verse 6 has been further obscured by a gloss introducing *the righteous*, whereas

the LXX clearly shews that the oil is the oil of the wicked.

143. 8 *Satisfy me.* The change of one letter gives this meaning. Cf. 90. 14. (See Kirkpatrick.)
10. *Upon an even path.* This rendering involves the change of a single letter.
144. 2. *Stronghold,* as in the parallel passage 18. 1, 2. The correction is justified by the fact that this Psalm is a compilation from five others.
Peoples. Syr. and Jer.
12. *Happy the people.* There can be little doubt that verses 12-end are a fragment from another Psalm. The connection is so obscure that some such rendering as has been adopted is necessary.
14. *Rulers.* The rare Hebrew word rendered *oxen* in P.B.V. elsewhere means *chieftains.* (See Kirkpatrick.)
145. 5. *Men shall tell.* The LXX has the third person plural both here and in the next verse.
14. This verse has been added from the LXX. It is required by the alphabetical structure.
147. 1. *For He is good,* etc. R.V.m. The *praise is comely* of A.V. is a gloss from 33. 1.
148. 5. *He spake—were made.* (P.B.V.). These words are an addition in LXX, and are not in the Hebrew text.
150. 1. *For.* So Briggs, who points out that the verse gives the theme of the Psalm, which is a call to praise God, addressed, not to heavenly beings, but to *everything that hath breath* on earth.